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真昼の決闘。
武装解除はそのあとで。

She was my first. The trigger for everything. I'm still scared... But I'm through running away.
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.....
38th Culture Festival
Autumn Colors
"Was that Mika-chan?"
She was...
pretty ...
AND OLDER THAN US..
o.

she must have lost touch with her...
Please sign here.
Reception
And since she asked about Mika-san,
"That's a secret."
She didn't seem like
just an acquaintance...
"I fell in love with her at first sight... I think."
"She was tutoring me for my high school entrance exam."
chatter
That couldn't be her... could it?
what if it is...?
...But
Oh!
OKAY!
HARADA-SAN! YOU CAN GO TAKE A BREAK NOW IF YOU WANT

NEXT TIME, FIGURE IT OUT YOUR-...
OH?
Sorry, sorry!
YOU'RE A LIFESAVER!
Thanks!
HOW IS IT THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN HANDLE A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT?
GEEZ,
3
MIKA-CHAN?
jump
Huh...? Wha...? Wait...
OH!
IT IS YOU!
It's been too long!
SO YOU MADE IT IN?
Good for you!
That voice.....

I'M RELIEVED TO SEE YOU LOOKING SO WELL
Hehe
B3-B
What are you doing here...?!
Oh!
She already found her!!
There she is!!
MIKA-SA...
IMP IMP IMP...
!

She's white as a sheet!!
MIKA-SAN!!
Whoosh
!

TMP
TMP
TMP
Come on! Hurry!
I WAS ASKED TO COME AND GET YOU!!
What an energetic girl
Infirmary
WELL...
SOMETHING MUST HAVE COME UP!
Let's just wait here
DIDN'T THE NURSE WANT TO SEE ME?
Thank goodness the infirmary was empty
AT LEAST I GOT HER OUT OF THERE.
MAYU-CHAN..

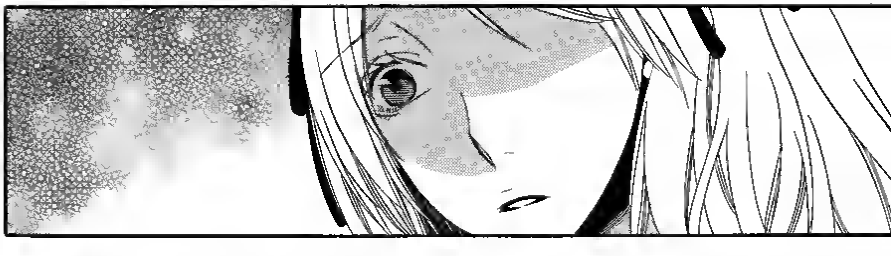
OH,
YOU HAVEN'T EATEN LUNCH YET, RIGHT?
MAYU-CHAN...
WH-
WHY DON'T I GO GET US SOMETHING TO EAT?
MAYU-CHAN?
.....YES?
MAYU-CHAN!

.....
YOU LIED ABOUT THE NURSE, DIDN'T YOU?
I'M SORRY.
pat.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
.....

I'M GLAD YOU RESCUED ME. THANKS
I THOUGHT I WAS OVER IT,
BUT I GUESS I WAS COMPLETELY WRONG.
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT TUTOR I TOLD YOU ABOUT?
...YES.
I WENT AND FELL IN LOVE WITH HER,
BECAUSE I WANTED TO BE WITH HER,
AND GOT MY HOPES UP
AND THEN I GOT ALL HURT WHEN SHE DIDN'T LIVE UP TO MY EXPECTATIONS.

CHILDISH, HUH?
I NEVER WANTED TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN
I COULDN'T HANDLE BEING IN LOVE AGAIN UNLESS I WAS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN IT WAS FOR REAL.
AND THEN I WAS SCARED OF GETTING HURT.
clench...
A CHILDISH. PATHETIC ONE.
I WAS SUCH A COWARD.

Oh... That smile



is an expression of dismissal and defeat.

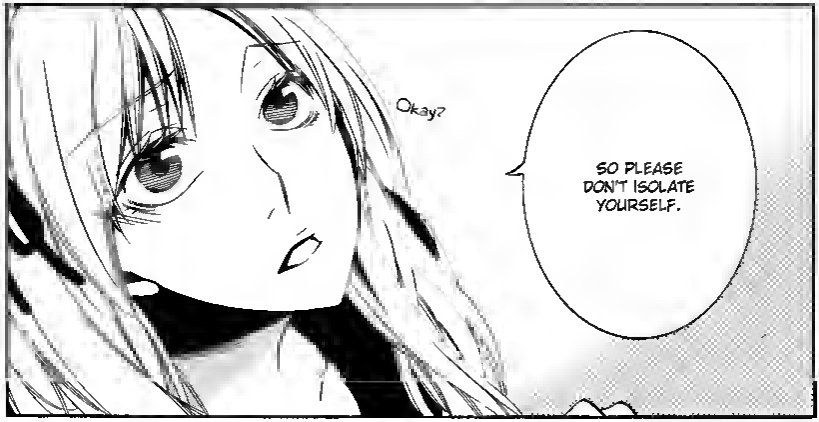
I never wanted to put that expression on her face again...

I THINK BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS FEEL THAT WAY.
AND EVERYONE GETS THEIR HOPES UP SOMETIMES. WE ALL EXPECT THINGS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING ME.
AND YOU REALLY LOVED YOUR TUTOR, DIDN'T YOU?
NOBODY WOULD BE OKAY AFTER HAVING THEIR HEART TRAMPLED LIKE THAT.
OF *COURSE* YOU WERE HURT!!

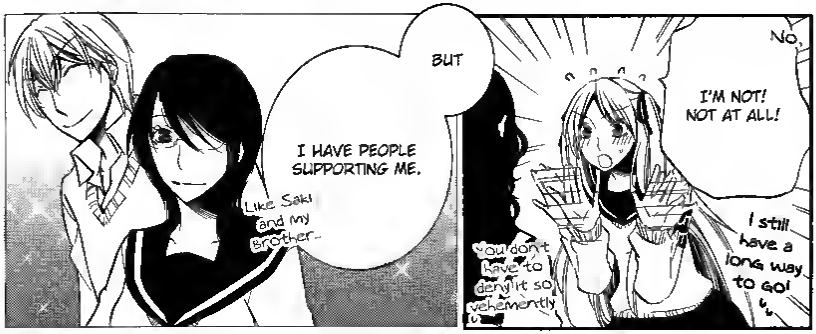
WAIT..
Uh-oh
Not only am I butting into her business, maybe I've said too much?!
GASP...
TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN ISN'T WHAT MAKES YOU AN ADULT.
shhp...
...BUT I REALLY WANT YOU TO BE ABLE TO DEPEND ON ME.
I'm sorry!
HERE I GO, RUNNING MY MOUTH OFF AGAIN!
.....

ME, MY BROTHER, THAT LADY FROM THE CAFE...
I THINK WE ALL WANT TO HELP YOU OUT WHEN YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.
WHEN YOU SMILE, IT MAKES ME HAPPY TOO.

Iwump...

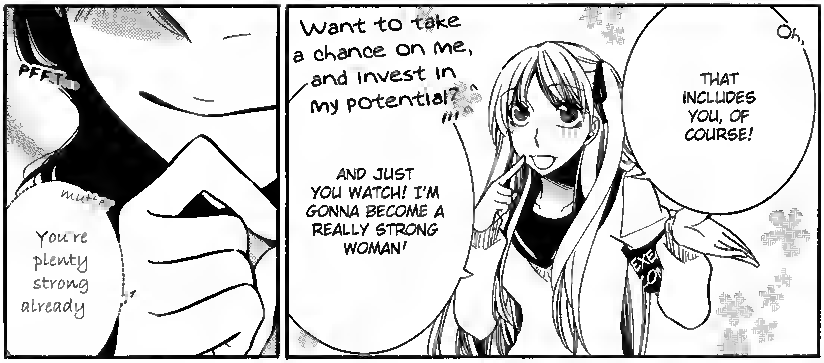

SO PLEASE DON'T ISOLATE YOURSELF.
Okay?

This girl is really ...
YOU'RE STRONG.


BUT
I HAVE PEOPLE SUPPORTING ME.
Like Saki and my brother...
No.
I'M NOT! NOT AT ALL!
You don't have to deny it so vehemently
I still have a long way to go!

AND I WANT TO BE STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT, TOO.
SMILE

badum


PFFT
mutter
You're plenty strong already
Want to take a chance on me, and invest in my potential?!
AND JUST YOU WATCH! I'M GONNA BECOME A REALLY STRONG WOMAN!
Oh,
THAT INCLUDES YOU, OF COURSE!

Hehe
NO?
Hmm?
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?

A genuine smile...
...HUH?
badum
HMM?
Grrrowl...
AHHHH! I'M SORRY!
blush
Wow, they must have heard that for miles
HUNGRY?
You don't have to apologize for that
WHY DON'T WE HAVE LUNCH?
Oh!
I'LL GO BUY SOME-THING!!
What would you like?!
ANYTHING IS FINE.
BYE!
Take care
I'll be right back!

THE HARADA SIBLINGS ARE REALLY SOMETHING...
Tea Ceremony
But...
Hehe
FULL OF SPIRIT, ISN'T SHE?
she cheered me up, too.....
jump...

DAMN IT...
Stop shrinking back from this...
Whoosh
You're not alone.
"I have people supporting me."
And I want to be strong enough to support the people I care about, too.
gasp
No...

I need
to get
stronger...

Being able
to count on
other people
for support
isn't enough.

or I'll never be
able to make
anyone happy!!

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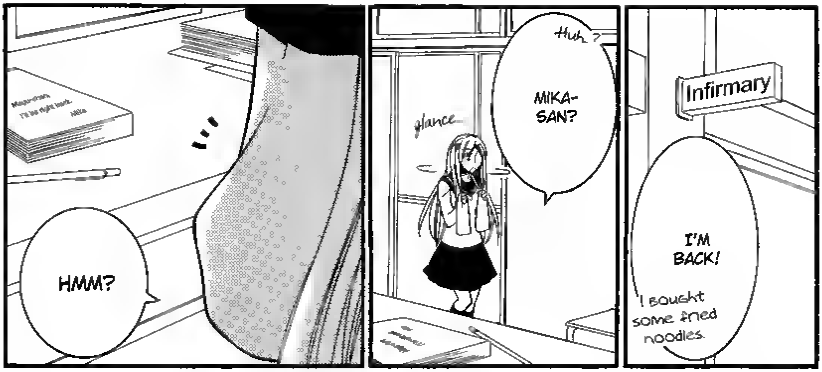
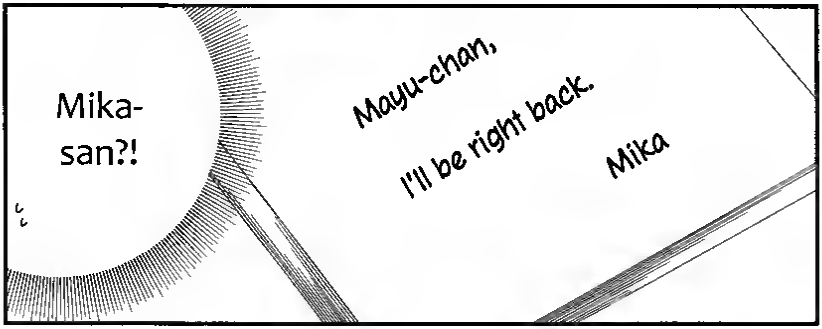

HMM?
Huh...?
MIKA-SAN?
glance
Infirmary
I'M BACK!
I bought some fried noodles.


Mika-san?!
Mayu-chan,
I'll be right back.
Mika

Tournament
NH!
CULTURE FESTIVAL
OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS

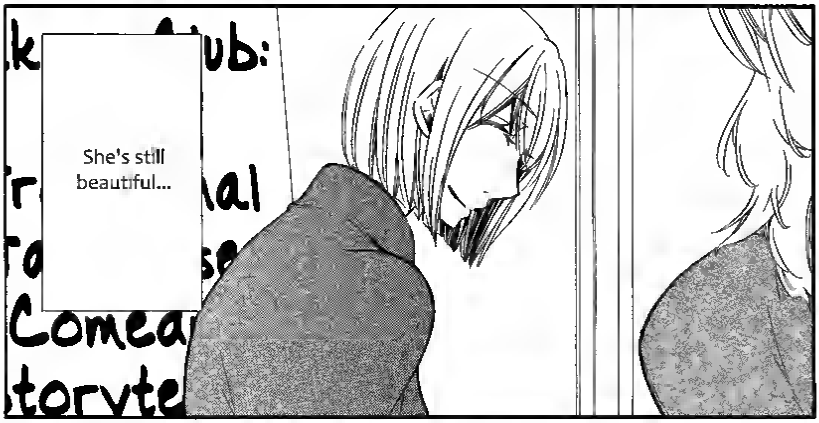
Gardening Club
There she is!!
I can't move...
NGH...
gasp
Oh...
It's been *two years* since then! What's wrong with me?!
DAMN IT...

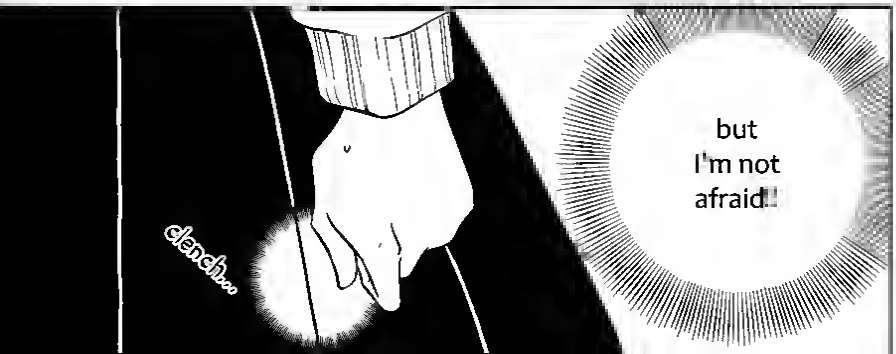
It's been two whole years...
Her hair is different ...
but she's still as pretty as ever.
Is she here with a friend?
No ...
Friends don't stand that close together ...

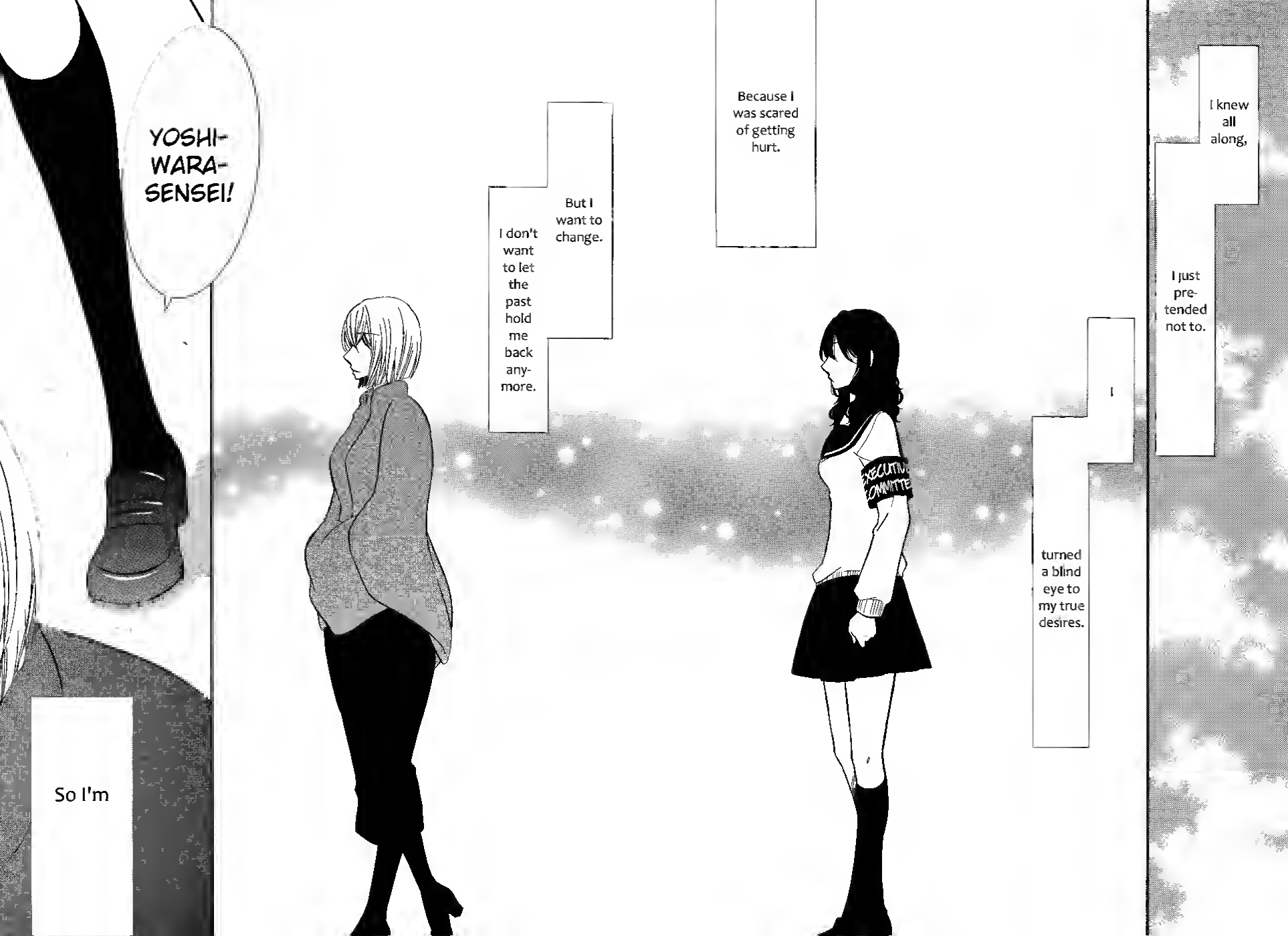
I wonder if it's serious ...?
I HOPE SENSEI DOESN'T HURT HER...
Hm?
.....
Wha ...?
WHAT AM I WORRYING ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE FOR?!
gasp...
Shouldn't I be more concerned about myself right now?!
Manga Cle

I'm not shaking anymore ...
.....
but I'm hardly going to go tell her off now.
I truly loved her then...
but it was never fulfilling.
I've slept with plenty of people since.

I couldn't use my body to fill the hole in my heart.



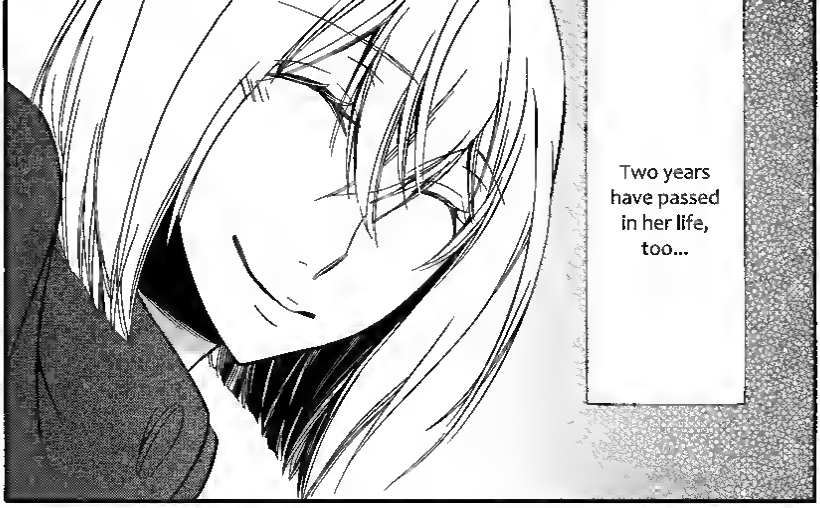


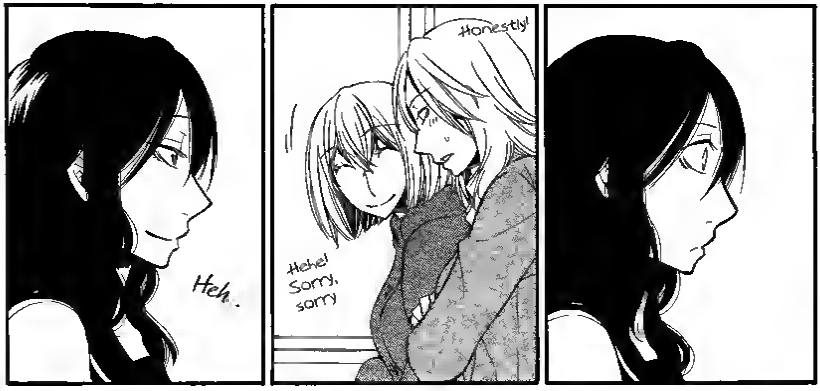

YOSHI-
WARA-
SENSEI!
So I'm
I don't want to let the past hold me back any-more.
But I want to change.
Because I was scared of getting hurt.
I turned a blind eye to my true desires.
I knew all along,
I just pre-tended not to.

taking the first step forward
OH!
MIKA-CHAN...
to finding my own happi-ness.

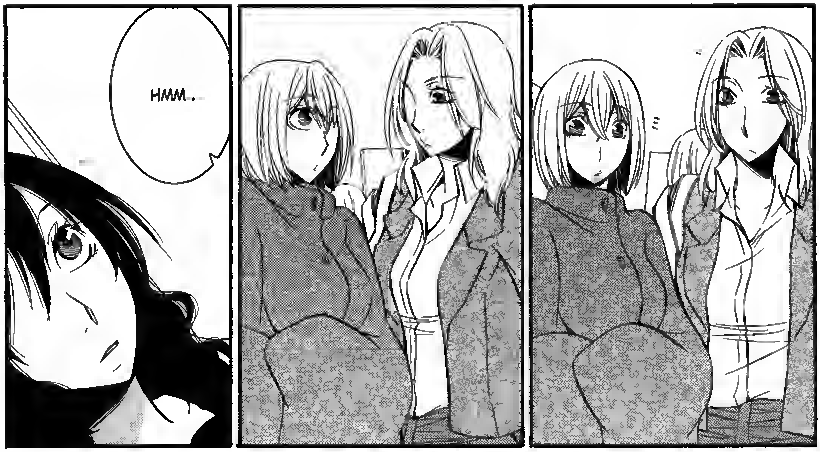
...UM ..
...YES.
OH!
Light Music Club
Live Concert
ARE YOU ALL DONE NOW?
Story 2:00
...NO,
THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
UM
OH! UH...
Hey,
DO YOU TWO NEED A FEW MINUTES ALONE?
Should I go?
.....
HUH?
YOU MUST BE... YOSHIWARA-SENSEI'S GIRLFRIEND?

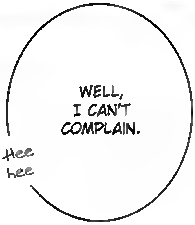
Music
.....
OH, YOU PICKED UP ON THAT, HUH?
HER WHA—
Teehee!
TEEHEE
Wha ooo?!
DON'T WORRY, SHE'S COOL.
Oh,
giggle giggle
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU TELLING THIS KID ABOUT US?!!
... Huh?
OH_
No...
Come on, don't get mad.
What are you talking about?!
Did Sensei always giggle like that...?

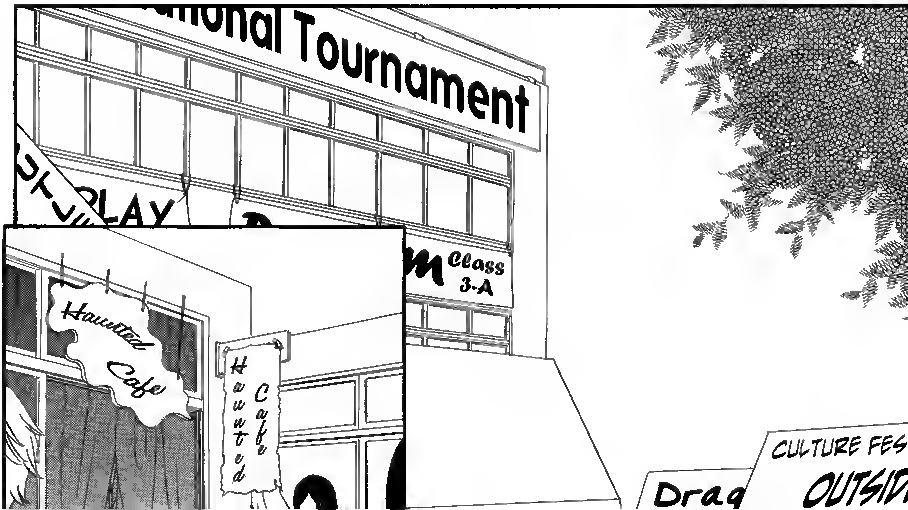

Two years have passed in her life, too...


Heh.
Honestly!
Hehe! Sorry, sorry

ARE YOU HAPPY?
SENSEI ...
Hm?
YES?


HMM..


WELL,
I CAN'T
COMPLAIN.
Hee
hee


Tournament
Class
3-A
Haunted
Cafe
Haunted
Cafe
CULTURE FES
OUTSID

RAN INTO EACH OTHER....
OH.. UM..
I'M SORRY.
MAYU-CHAN?
Shouldn't you be in the infirmary?
OH!
HMM..
HMM?
OH! I'M ALL DONE
UH... SO, UM..
OH..
Sorry about that
fidget fidget
I WAS WORRIED, SO I CAME LOOKING FOR YOU...
I've been wandering around
CLO-SURE
Wait, ...
WHAT?!
UM
WHY DON'T WE GO SOMEWHERE MORE PRIVATE?
What's going on?
What was that?
I GOT SOME CLOSURE.
...HUH?
Done ?

SO
WHEN I SAW THEM SMILING,
Infirmary
I REMEMBERED WHAT YOU SAID.
EXCUSE
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
YOU REALLY HELPED.
No, it was nothing!
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!
THANKS
THANKS TO YOUR ADVICE,
I WAS ABLE TO FORGIVE MYSELF
AND LET GO OF THE PAST.

SO THANK YOU.
I MEAN IT.
.....
ding dong♪
Will Executive Committee member Takaoka Mika-san please report to the committee headquarters immediately?
MIKA-SA—
hug.

freeze...
!
EEEEP!
WHOOSH
I'M SORRY!
IT'S MY BROTHER.
Again, will Executive Committee member Takaoka Mika-san...
I KNOW THAT VOICE.
...!
YOU CAN HUG ME, YOU KNOW.
Hehe.

...Is Mika-san
differ-ent... some-how ...?
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
WHAT'S WRONG?
shiver..
..... Huh?
... W-
I feel weird!!
WE BETTER GET A MOVE ON!
I'll go on ahead!!
Huh?!
MAYU-CHAN?!
Whoosh..
TMP TMP TMP..
clench..
I'VE NEVER..

I've never seen that look on Mayu's face before.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Fin.

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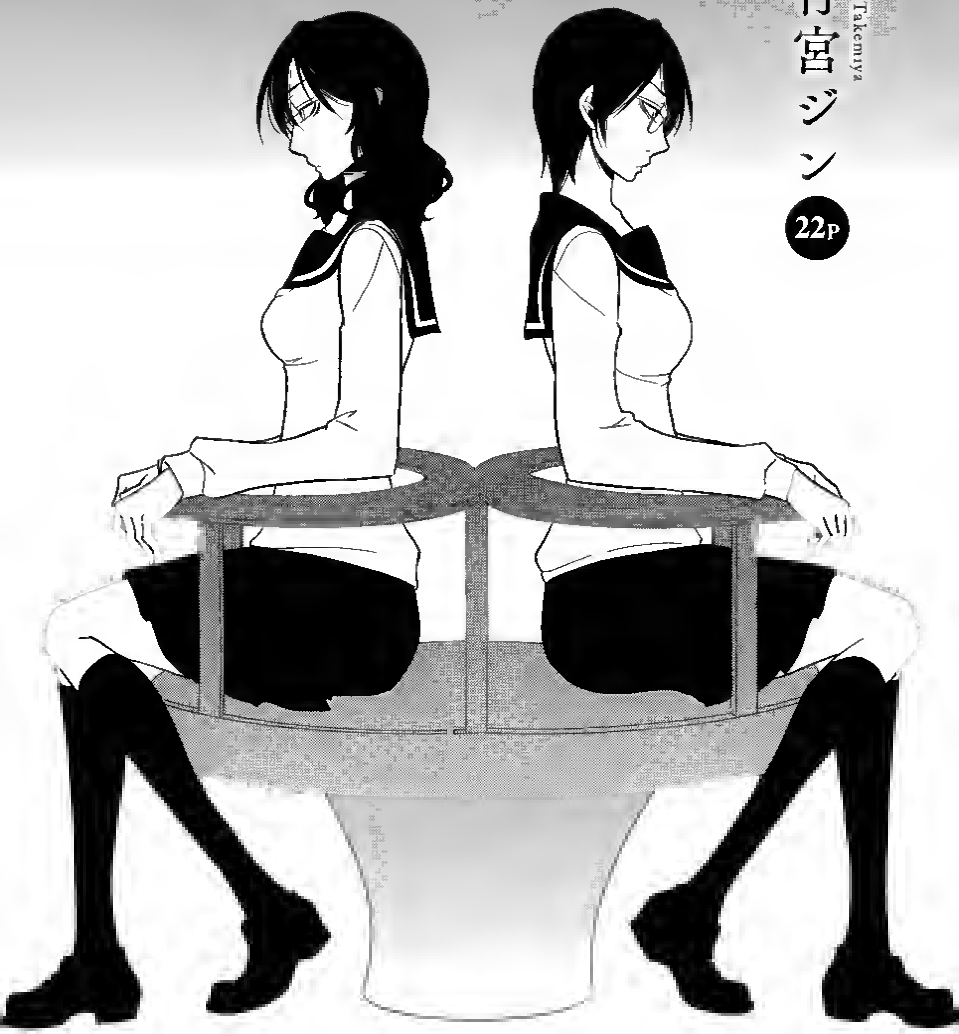


SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL...
I'm fairly certain
that *something* happened during the culture festival...

I'm afraid to ask her...
but to be honest,
I want to know what it was...
I'll do my best!

I love Mayu's smile.
SHE'S SO INNOCENT...
Eyes front!
leaves me paralyzed with fear...
The thought of losing it
Hmm?

WHA-
fwip
That voice...
HEY, MAYU!!
YOUR LEFT RIBBON IS UNTIED.
jump
AHH?!
My ribbon
THANKS
?
.....

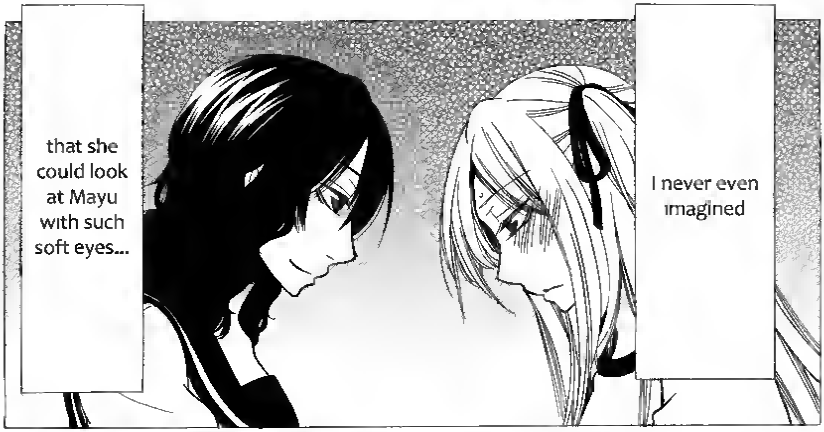
The transformation in Mayu is impossible to miss...

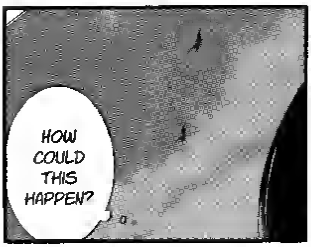
And I think she was acting in accordance with her own peculiar sense of justice...
Before, she was enthralled with the idea of being in love...

Shudder...
Wh-?!
...Why is *she* smiling like that?
Grab...
...OH!

My heart is pounding.....

B note book
Mayu's note-book
Harada Mayu
OH...!
I want to get home
HMM?
THAT WAS A LONG MEETING...
AND THEN WE HAD GYM...
SO...
She asked me to hold onto it for her when we were changing classrooms, didn't she?
Mayu isn't the only one who's changed...
.....


that she could look at Mayu with such soft eyes...
I never even imagined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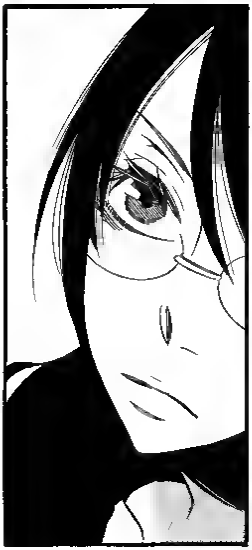
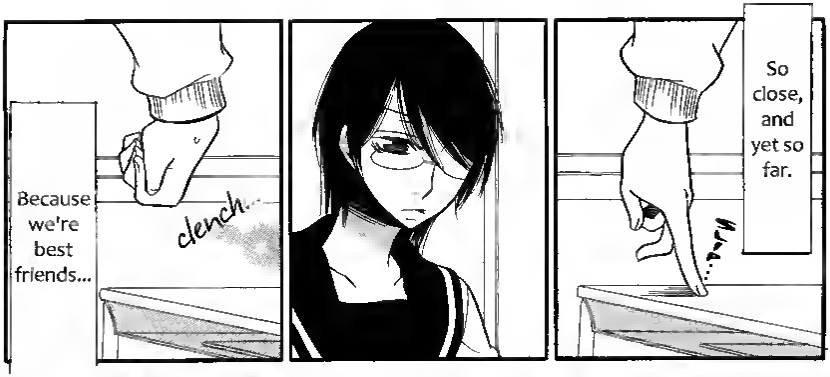
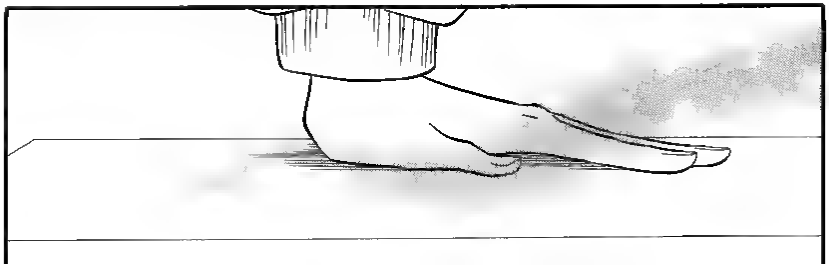


So why do I feel like I'm further from her than anyone ...?
I was always right there by her side.



Is telling her my feelings the only way to bridge the distance between us?

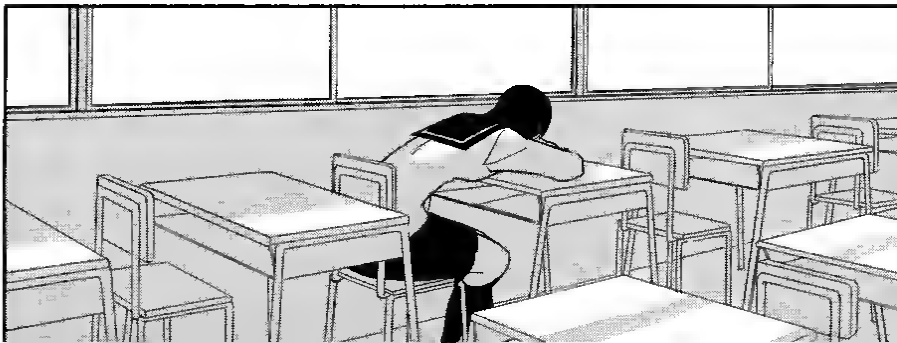
...I can't do it...



I love Mayu more than anyone in the world.

I want to protect her smile.....

I don't want to burden her...



what happened between them...

It doesn't matter

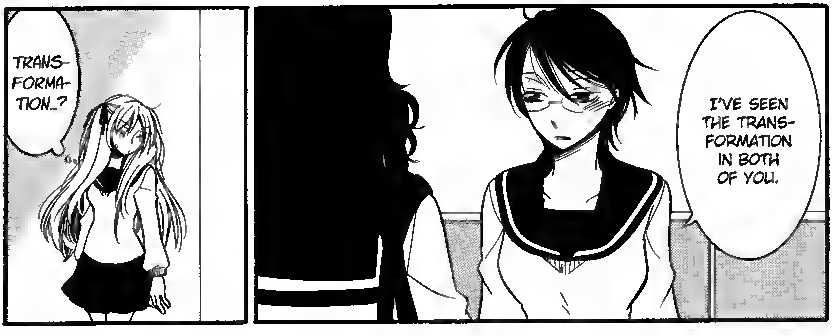
...In that case,

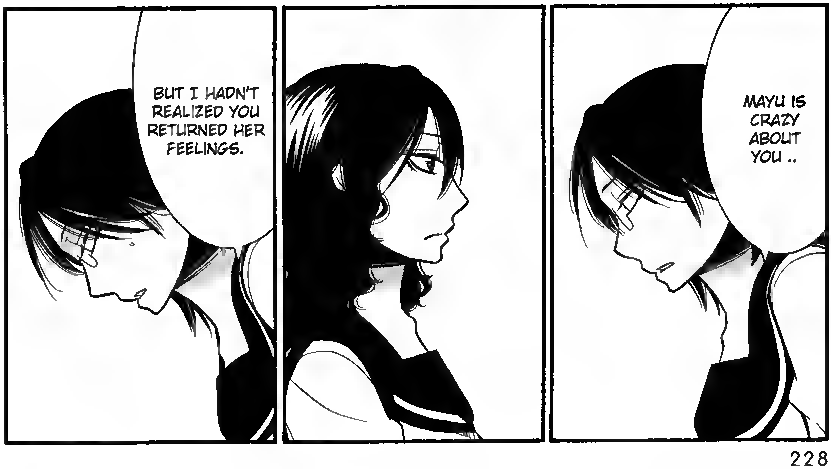
CLENCH

I know what I need to do.....
bow—
MIKA-SAN
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT?
YES.
..HMM
Huh?
SAKI AND MIKA-SAN?

What's going on?!
I thought ...
Saki didn't like her...
So, WHAT'S UP?
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MAYU FOR ME.
She's not picking a fight with her, is she?

WHAT BROUGHT THIS ON?
What are you talking about, Saki?!
HUH?!
WHOOSH
Take care of


TRANS-FORMA-TION_?
I'VE SEEN THE TRANS-FORMATION IN BOTH OF YOU.


BUT I HADN'T REALIZED YOU RETURNED HER FEELINGS.
MAYU IS CRAZY ABOUT YOU ..

WHEN I SAW YOU YESTERDAY...
ARE YOU GIVING UP ON HER?
GULP...
IS THAT HOW LITTLE SHE MEANS TO YOU?
DID YOU EVER REALLY LOVE HER AT ALL?
Huh?
Love... me...?

What is she talking about...?
THE OLD ME COULD NEVER HAVE CONCEIVED OF
HOW PRECIOUS MAYU-CHAN WOULD BE TO ME NOW.
.....
!
SSHH...
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
COULD YOU REALLY ENTRUST HER TO SOMEONE ELSE SO EASILY?

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE GIRL WHO CHEWED ME OUT THE OTHER DAY?
...You don't understand...
That's still me.....

?
MAYBE YOU WON'T BE. YOU WON'T KNOW UNTIL YOU TELL HER HOW YOU FEEL.
BUT YOU DO KNOW HOW STRONG SHE IS, DON'T YOU?
...YES...
I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT...
clench..
...SO YOU'RE JUST FINE WITH THIS?
MUCH MORE.. THAN YOU ARE..
My feelings haven't changed!!
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN FOR MAYU!

OF COURSE I'M NOT FINE WITH IT...!
IT'S KILLING ME, OKAY?
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
.....
I LOVE MAYU MORE THAN ANYONE.
SO I AM *NOT* GOING TO BECOME A BURDEN FOR HER.

"I care about you."
OH...!
...SO I'M ASKING YOU
TO PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER FOR ME.
Fin.

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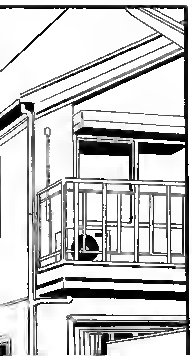
SO I'M ASKING YOU TO PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER FOR ME
WOULD *YOU* GO OUT WITH SOMEONE BECAUSE OF A REQUEST FROM A PERSON YOU BARELY KNOW?
CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
Oh...!



I can't help but envy that a bit...

Heh.

That's how intense her feelings are...

She's so focused in on herself and her needs that she can't even see what's going on around her...

YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN, AND THINK THINGS THROUGH AGAIN. Okay?

sigh

She's been my friend through thick and thin.

Saki means so much to me.

All these years together...

And I never noticed how she really felt.

When she said she cared about me,
I thought she just meant as a friend. All this time.
...But
what must this have been like for her?
What did it feel like for her to be by my side all these years,
having to hide what was in her heart...?
as my best friend...
... How much ...

...But

I thought I knew how things work_d with us. When I was feeling down, she comforted me,

...SORRY...

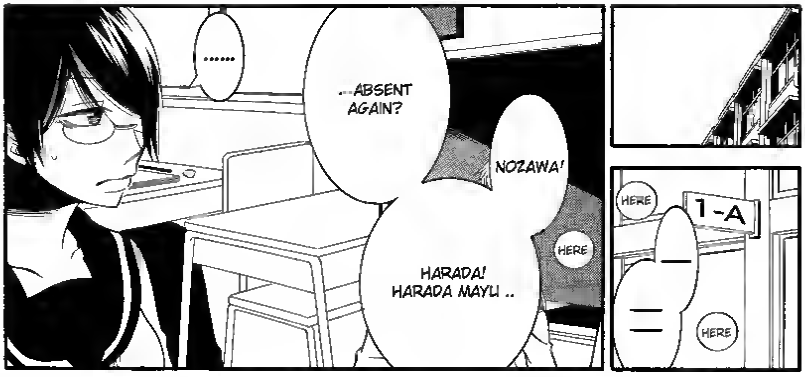
and I offered her that same support when she was in pain.

I never imagined that I was the one inflicting that pain on her...

I'M SORRY...

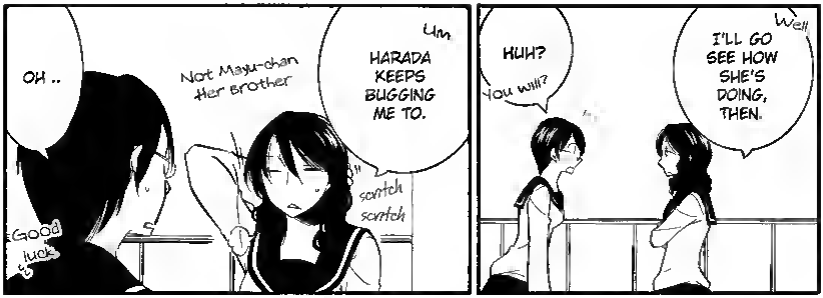
I'M SO SORRY...

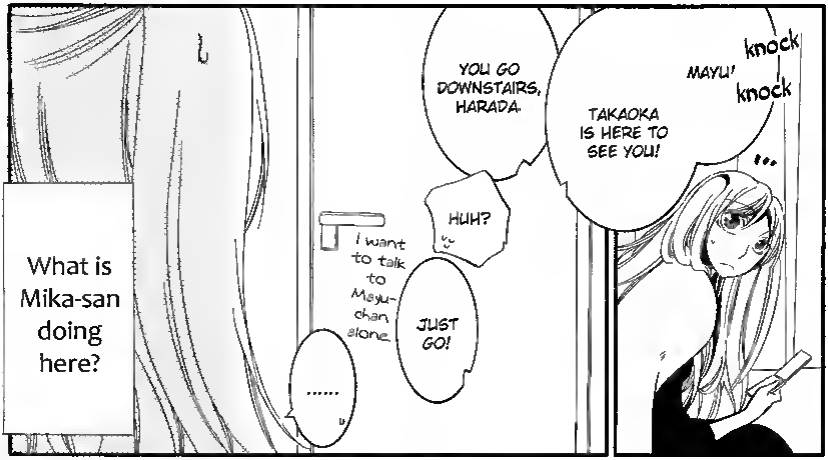
.....How can I face her now.....?



MAYU ISN'T FEELING WELL...
I think she's asleep at the moment
Oh!
NO, IT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
Here are copies of my notes from today
I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE...
THANK YOU SO MUCH, SAKI-CHAN
Don't mention it
TELL HER TO GET WELL SOON.
Mayu has a surprisingly strong constitution, generally.
She hardly ever catches colds.
She's never missed this much school before,
not once.
...Talk to me, Mayu.

What's wrong?
☑Saki
Sub: You okay? Are you still sick? You should take it easy. If something's wrong, you can talk to me, okay? Message me anytime.
Saki
I KNOW.
She hasn't been coming to school
But
SHE ISN'T ANSWERING MY MESSAGES...
So maybe I did something wrong...
....
I'VE RACKED MY BRAINS, AND I CAN'T COME UP WITH ANYTHING...
ANY IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON WITH HER?
NO, HER BROTHER DID.
Huh,?!
MAYU TOLD YOU THAT?!
OH...

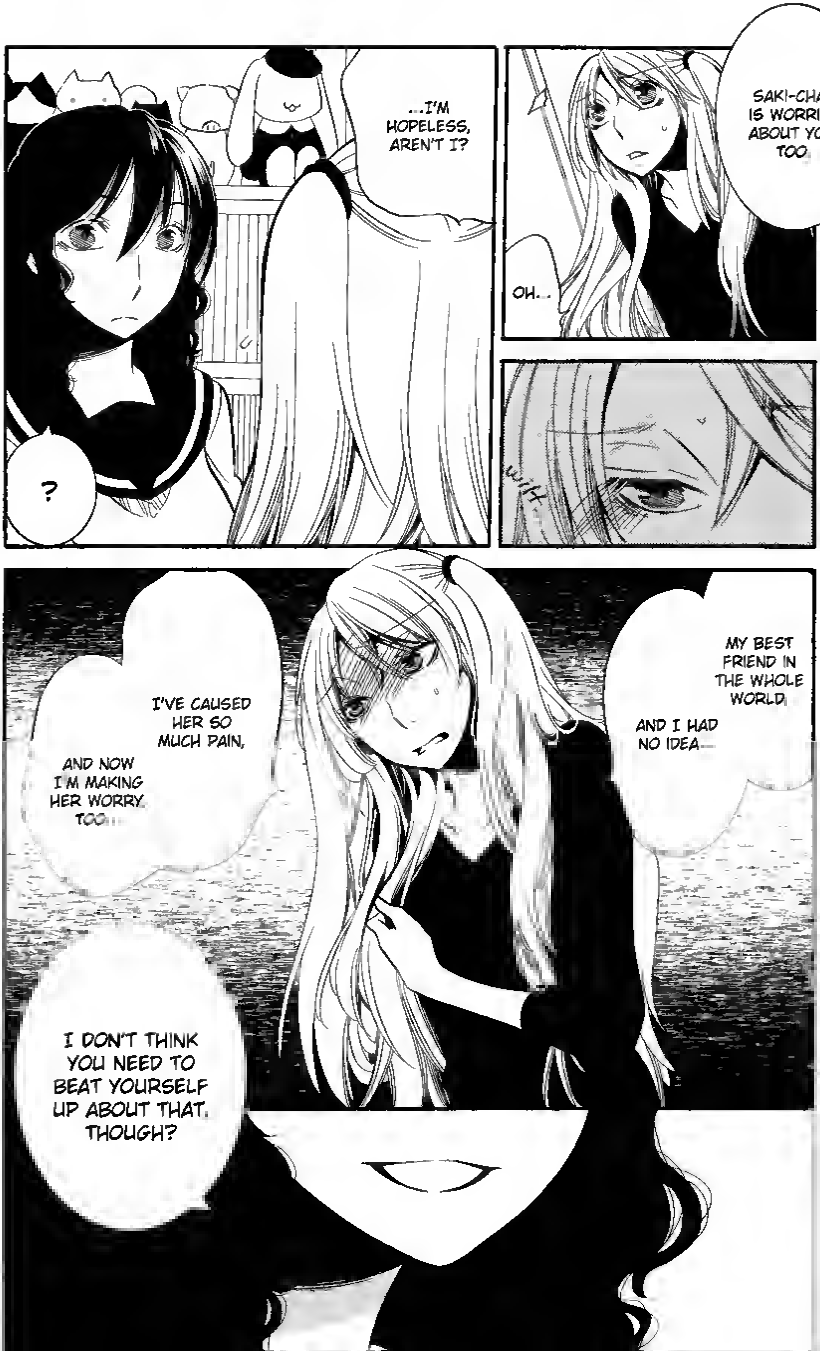

OH ..
Good luck
Not Mayu-chan her brother
Um,
HARADA KEEPS BUGGING ME TO.
scratch scratch
HUH?
You will?
Well
I'LL GO SEE HOW SHE'S DOING, THEN.

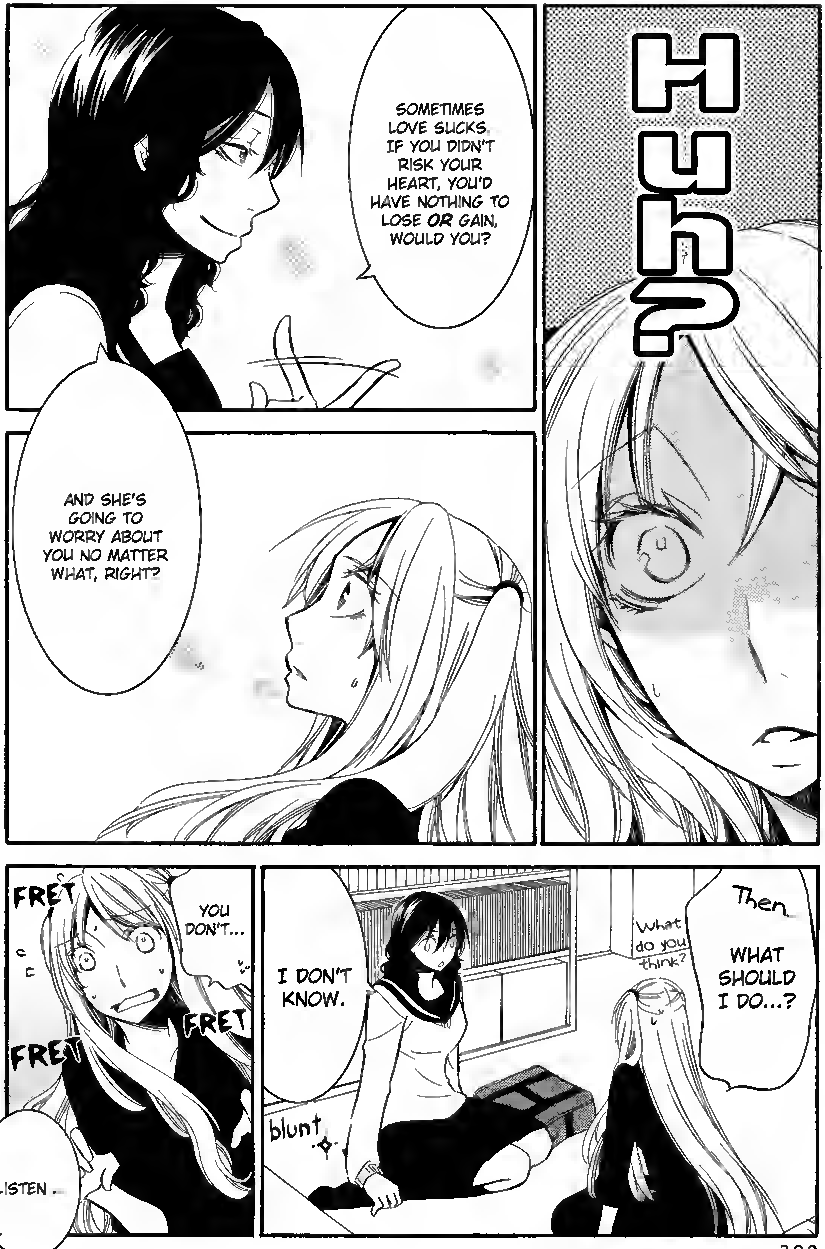

What is Mika-san doing here?
.....
I want to talk to Mayu-chan alone
JUST GO!
HUH?
YOU GO DOWNSTAIRS, HARADA.
TAKAOKA IS HERE TO SEE YOU!
MAYU!
knock knock

...But
MAYU-CHAN,
CAN I COME IN AND TALK WITH YOU FOR A MINUTE?
tmp
tmp
tmp

A-CHA...
she might be just the person I need right now...
YOU DON'T HAVE THE FLU, DO YOU?
Oh, NO.
WOULDN'T WANT TO CATCH IT, Y'KNOW?
Haha
.. I...

EAVESDROPPED ON YOUR CONVERSATION WITH SAKI THE OTHER DAY...
Uh-huh
I FIGURED THAT MIGHT BE IT.
HUH?
YOU HAVE A HABIT OF FOLLOWING ME AROUND.
Hehe
WHA-...
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT! YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE I'M A STALKER OR SOMETHING!!
Hehe hehe!
AREN'T YOU?
!!
GEEZ!!
Sorry, sorry!
I'M GLAD TO SEE THERE'S STILL SOME LIFE IN YOU, THOUGH.
Hee hee!


...I'M HOPELESS, AREN'T I?
?
SAKI-CHAN IS WORRIED ABOUT YOU, TOO.
OH..
with
MY BEST FRIEND IN THE WHOLE WORLD,
AND I HAD NO IDEA—
I'VE CAUSED HER SO MUCH PAIN,
AND NOW I'M MAKING HER WORRY, TOO...
I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO BEAT YOURSELF UP ABOUT THAT, THOUGH?


HUH?
SOMETIMES LOVE SUCKS. IF YOU DIDN'T RISK YOUR HEART, YOU'D HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE OR GAIN, WOULD YOU?
AND SHE'S GOING TO WORRY ABOUT YOU NO MATTER WHAT, RIGHT?
Then WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
What do you think?
I DON'T KNOW.
blunt
YOU DON'T...
FRET
FRET
FRET
LISTEN...

THE FIRST STEP IS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT *YOU* WANT TO DO.
It's simple, right?
What I... want to do?
OH...

I LOVE YOU, MIKA-SAN.
BUT...
!!!
BUT?
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HER...

NO, I THINK IT'S GREAT THAT YOU CAN BE
HONEST ABOUT THIS STUFF
Heh heh...
BUT..
Hey!
YOU KEEP LAUGHING AT ME!!
Hee hee hee
BWA HA HA HA!
I'M SORRY

When Mika-san smiled at me, relief washed over me. A few tears made their way down my cheeks.

OKAY.

It was my first broken heart.

Fin

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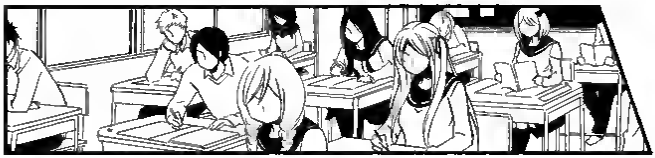
Morning! We've been worried about you!
LOOK, It's MAYU!!
CHATTER
How many days were you out?
CHATTER
ARE YOU ALL BETTER NOW, MAYU?
CHATTER
!
First Period
1-A
Oh...
HUH?!
...!

It's really her...

MORNING, SAKI



It looks like she's lost a little weight ...

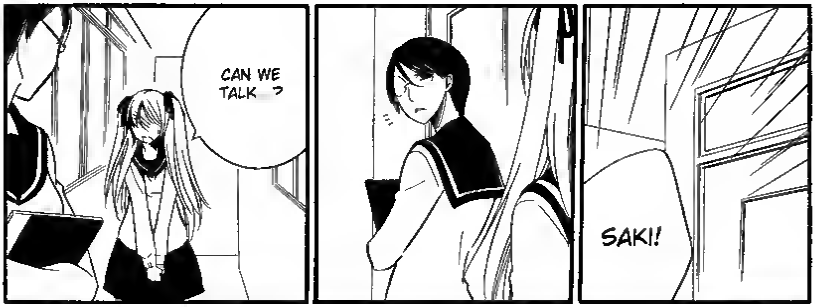
BUT ASIDE FROM THAT, SHE SEEMS TO BE ALL RIGHT... I THINK?

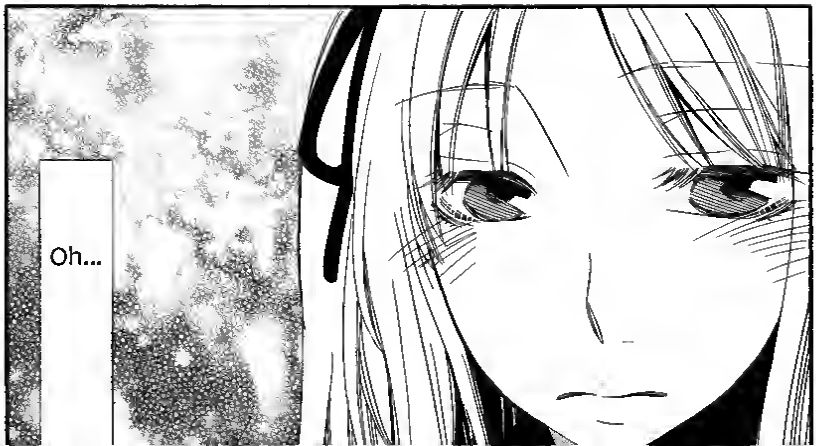
So, she wouldn't see me,

BUT THE DAY AFTER MIKA-SAN GOES TO SEE HER, SHE'S BACK IN SCHOOL?

I really can't hold a candle to Mika-san.....

throb

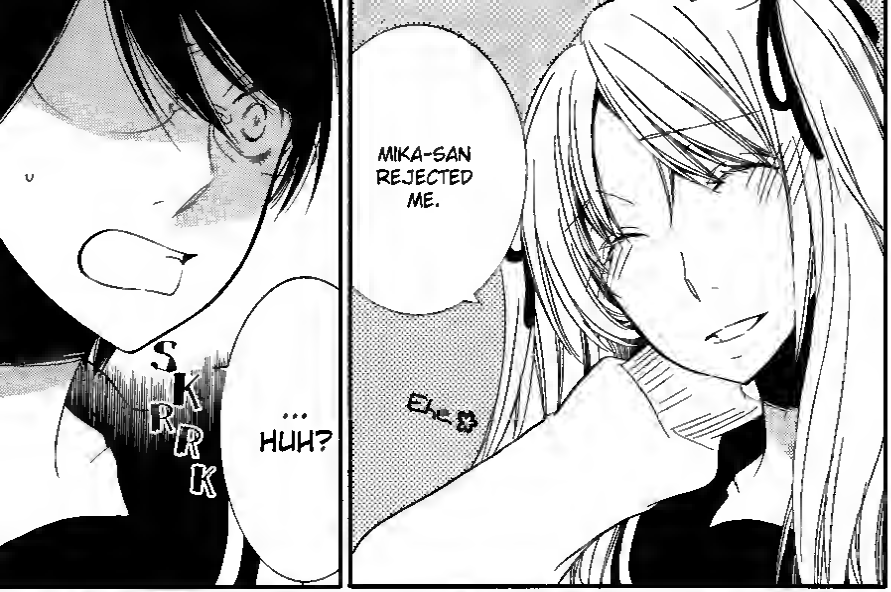


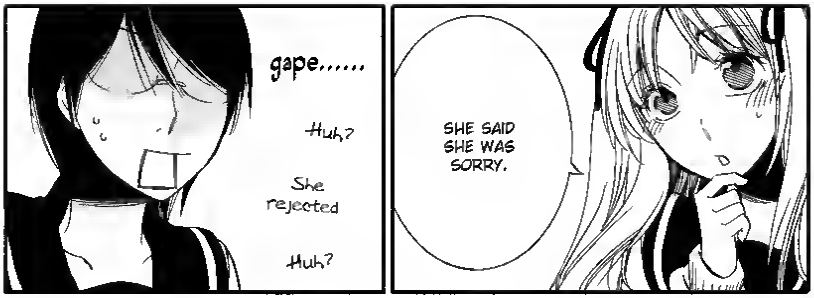


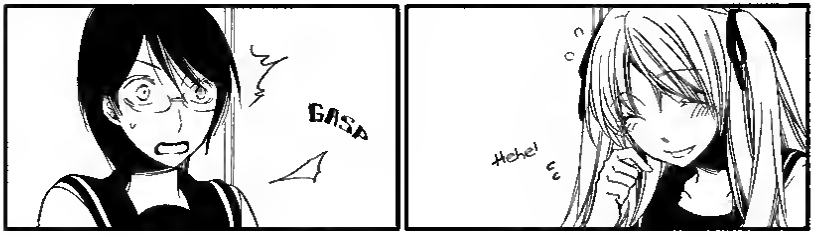
Something must have happened with Mika-san...
I NEED TO GO DELIVER THE CLASS LOG. WAIT FOR ME IN THE CLASSROOM?
Oh, thank you.
He brought the class log.
...If Mika-san had done something to hurt Mayu,
I doubt Mayu would be back in school right now...

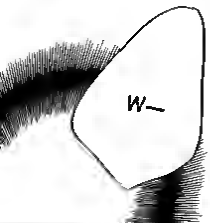
pang
Mika-san was able to help her.
But she was different with Mika-san.
She wouldn't see me when I came to her house, no matter how many times I tried.
I had no idea why Mayu suddenly stopped coming to school.
So that's how it is...
Not like me. I was useless.....
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM...

What choice do I have but to give up?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING.
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT?
clack
deep breath
Mm







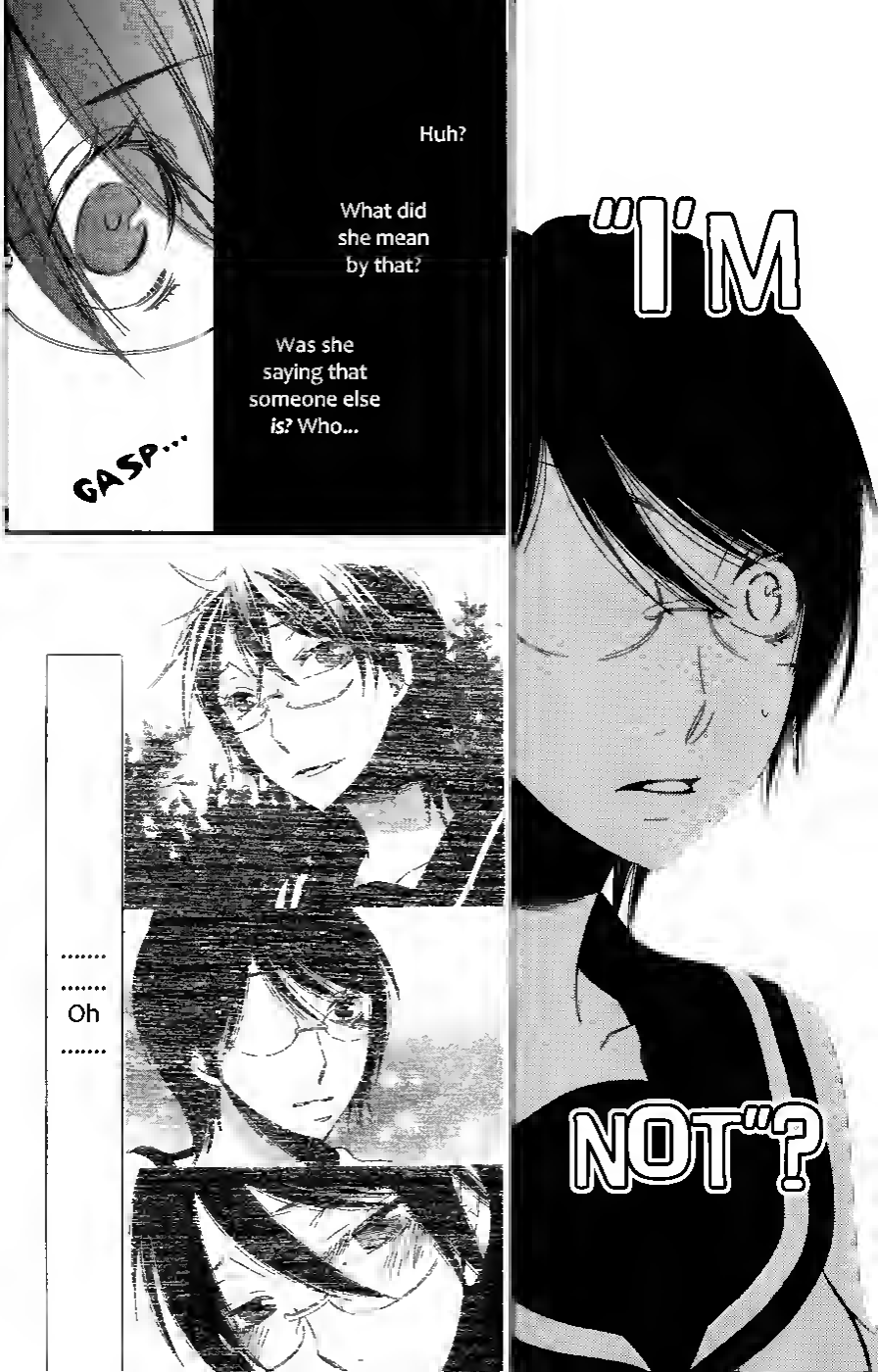


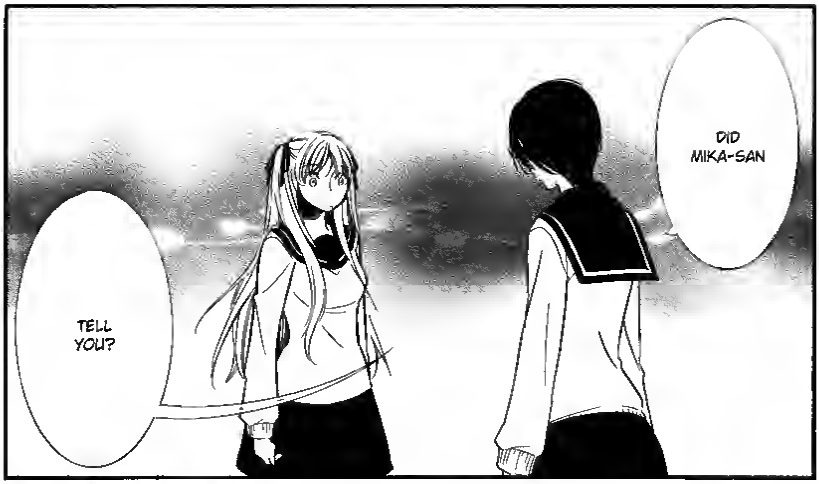
What on Earth...?!

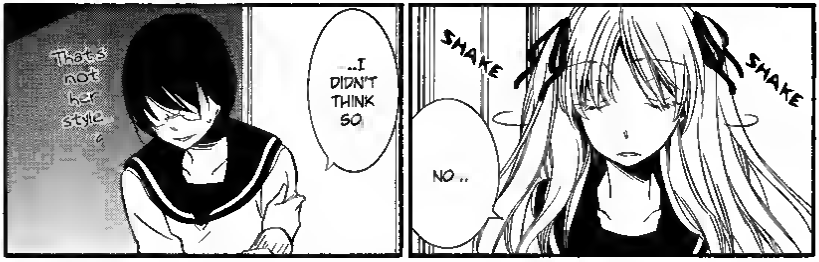
WAIT! I DON'T...
BUT... BUT YOU WERE CRAZY ABOUT HER...
Did it happen before yesterday?
Is that why she was staying home from school?
How could Mayu be over that rejection in just one day? It's not possible...
Oh Um Yeah You're right
That would make more sense.
...But then...
How can she be smiling like this?

Had she already confessed her feelings to Mika-san before that conversation I had with Mika-san?!

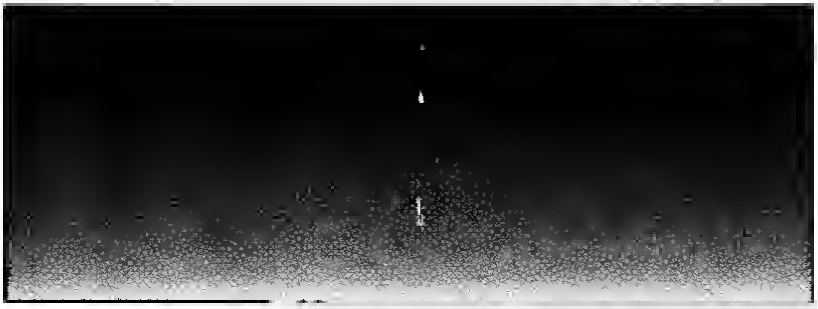
When did Mayu do it?
Mika-san didn't let on about it yesterday ...
... Wait ...
losing it...
Why should it matter when she did it?!
No, no!
I should
She must be in pain!!
focus on my conversation with Mayu right now!!
Y-
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF TO SMILE, OKAY?
DON'T WORRY. I'M NOT.
smile...


GASP...
Huh?
What did she mean by that?
Was she saying that someone else *is?* Who...
"I'M NOT"?
.....
.....
Oh
.....





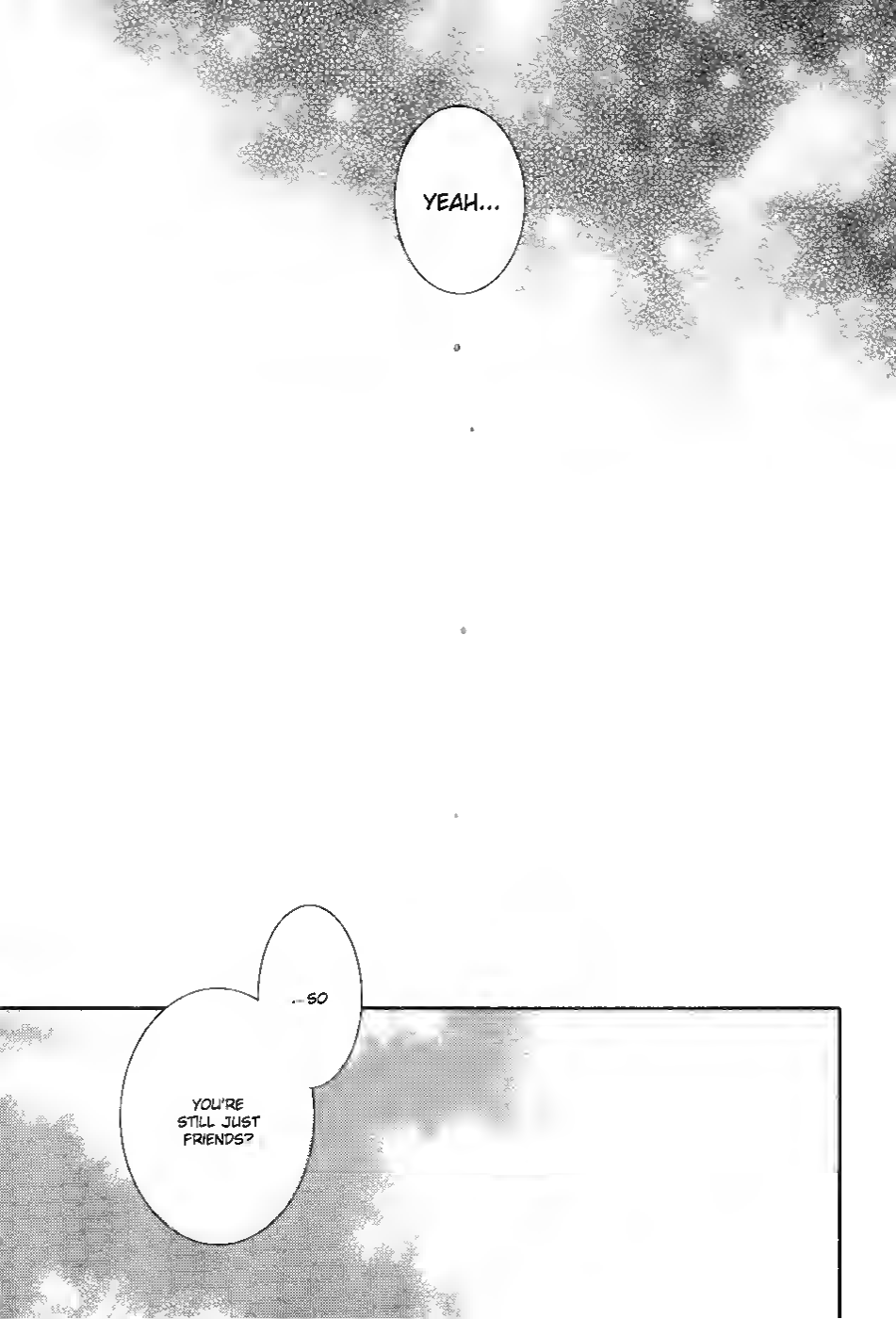
...How long



has she known.....?

I love Mayu so much...
.....RY...
I'M SORRY... MAYU.....
I knew they might only bring her pain .....
SO SORRY.
I'M SORRY...
SAKI ?!
I didn't want to burden her with my feelings...

STOP APOLO-GIZING!!
I'M THE ONE... WHO'S SORRY...
FOR NEVER NOTICING... HOW YOU FELT...
CAN YOU STILL STAND TO HAVE
AN IDIOT LIKE ME BY YOUR SIDE?


YEAH...
...SO
YOU'RE STILL JUST FRIENDS?

SHE'S GETTING BOLDER..
Oh?
I DIDN'T REALIZE WE EXISTED FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT.
sigh
YOU'RE NO FUN.
What is going through your head?!
OF COURSE
That reminds me.
YOU KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WHEN YOU REJECTED MAYU, DIDN'T YOU?
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
HEHE.
SAKI!!! MIKA-SAAAN!!
I really can't hold a candle to her...
...WOW...

We're showered in

fragments of love...

Little shards of emotion.

Perhaps we don't even realize
or perhaps we feel their weight, their heat...
as our hearts soften with affection
or ache with sorrow.
Our path forward is paved with
the pain we've suffered and inflicted.

We spread our arms wide
and embrace the fragments...

Falling in love.

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gasp!
ISN'T SAKI HERE?
... Huh?
What ....
Why do they look so...
DON'T YOU REMEMBER, MAYU-CHAN? SAKI-CHAN IS GONE...

WHAT ?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT MIKA-SAN?!
CLATTER
CALM DOWN, MAYU-CHAN.
Huh?
YOU SEEM REALLY OUT OF IT LATELY...
I GUESS YOU MUST BE CONFUSED...
Huh ...?
MAYU-CHAN...

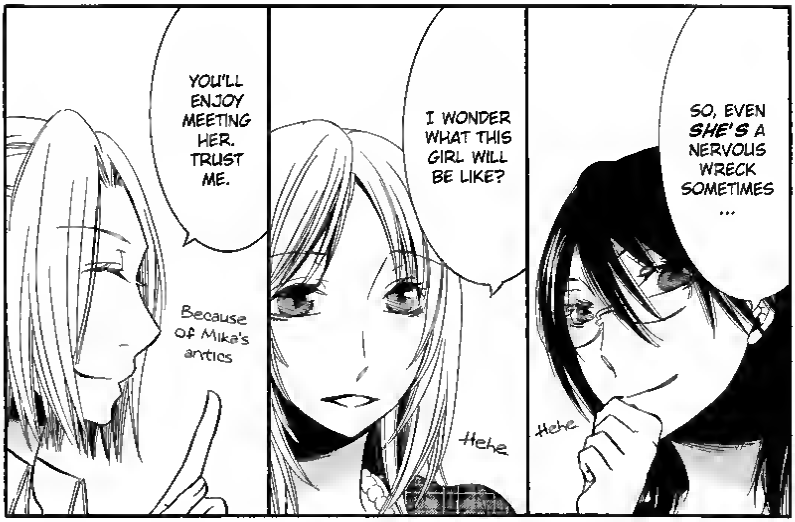
My meeting ran late, that's all
SAKI-CHAN IS D—
EXCUSE ME?! STILL VERY MUCH ALIVE HERE, THANK YOU.
What?
SA-...
WHAT?
HMM?
YOU'RE A REAL CHARMER, YOU KNOW THAT?
sorry... sorry
Ahahahaha!
I SAW MAYU-CHAN WAS GROGGY, AND I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.
I played a little joke on her
Well, it all worked out for the best
SAKI!! IT'S YOU!!
!!
YOU'RE WELCOME.

YOU KNOW... I'M REALLY HAPPY THESE DAYS.
phew
I'M GLAD IT WAS JUST A JOKE.
Huh?
I DON'T.
Count me out.
Like, I wish time would just stop.
I'M ALWAYS THINKING
THAT I WISH THE THREE OF US COULD ALL STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER...
HUH?

I CAN'T LET MY WHOLE LIFE REVOLVE AROUND YOU TWO, YOU KNOW?
FOR ONE THING, I DON'T INTEND TO REMAIN SINGLE FOREVER, OKAY?
Hehe
I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH HOW THINGS ARE EITHER.
URK ...!
Stare...
OH!
Eep!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FORGET ABOUT SAKI"?
Mayu?!
OH, REALLY?
Well, forget about Saki for a minute...
I WOULDN'T MIND A CHANGE LIKE THAT!

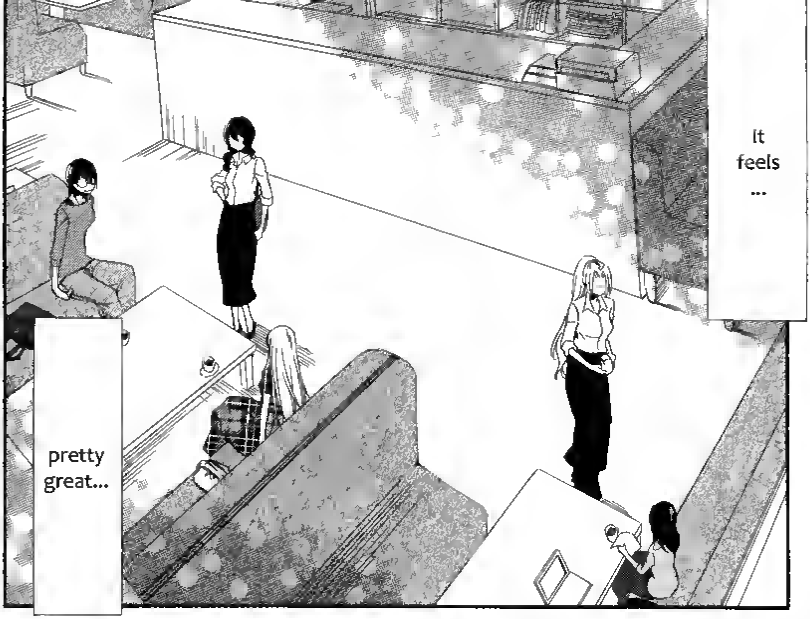
It's so bright .....
.....!
MAYU !!
Oh ...
LOOKS LIKE THE RAIN LET UP.
YOU'RE STILL HALF-ASLEEP, AREN'T YOU?
...MM? DID YOU GET OLDER, SAKI?
Pi-pi-pi-pi
WAKE UP ALREADY
BASP
.....
...Hmm...?
HUH?
And why do you think I got older ?
Honestly!
WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU DREAMING ABOUT? YOU HAD THIS BIG GRIN ON YOUR FACE.

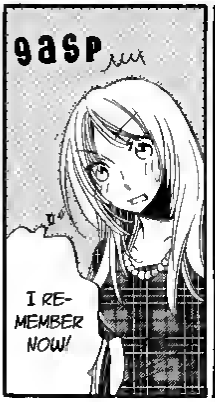
I CAN'T REMEMBER ...
clack
DREAMS ARE LIKE THAT.
Hehe
WHAT'S THIS?
?
ON THE HOUSE, SINCE TODAY'S A SPECIAL OCCASION.
Hehe
It's a special blend to wake you up
Ooh, THANK YOU!
WAIT, A SPECIAL OCCASION ...?
Oh!
DON'T TELL ME I SLEPT THROUGH ..
NOPE, YOU'RE SAFE.
See? She's still on pins and needles over there.
FRET
FRET
FRET
OHHH...
grin
grin
grin
grin
grin

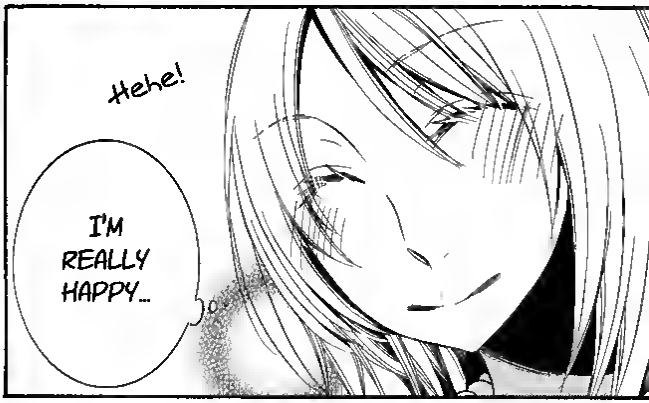

YOU'LL ENJOY MEETING HER. TRUST ME.
Because of Mika's antics
I WONDER WHAT THIS GIRL WILL BE LIKE?
Hehe
SO, EVEN SHE'S A NERVOUS WRECK SOMETIMES ...
Hehe

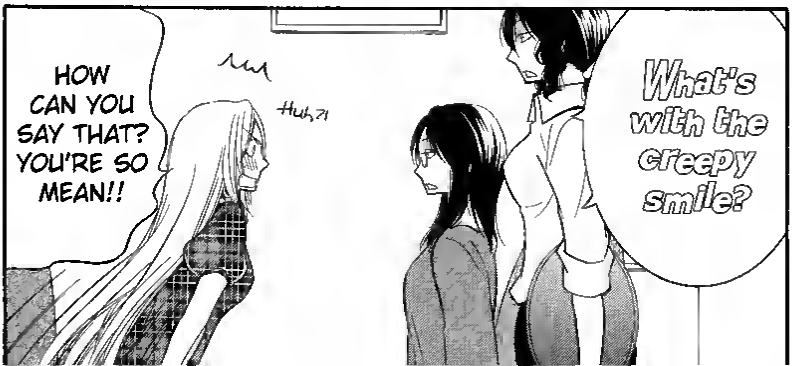
OH, NO! WHATEVER SHALL WE DO?
And you're going to pay for them later~!
GUILTY
I CAN HEAR EVERY WORD YOU'RE SAYING, YOU KNOW!!

... Everyone's all smiles ...


It feels ...
pretty great...


gasp
I RE-MEMBER NOW!


Hehe!
I'M REALLY HAPPY...


HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? YOU'RE SO MEAN!!
Huh?!
What's with the creepy smile?

I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW, I JUST REMEMBERED MY DREAM!
YOU DID? WHAT WAS IT ABOUT?
Oh ...!
Im not satisfied with how things are either
HMM?
N-
NEVER MIND...!
Today is supposed to be all about Mika-san, remember?
...!
OH!
clack...

WELCOME TO THE CAFE!

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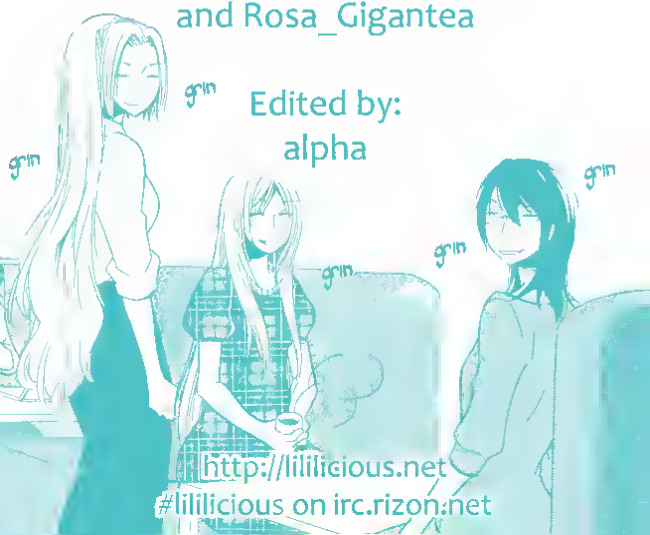

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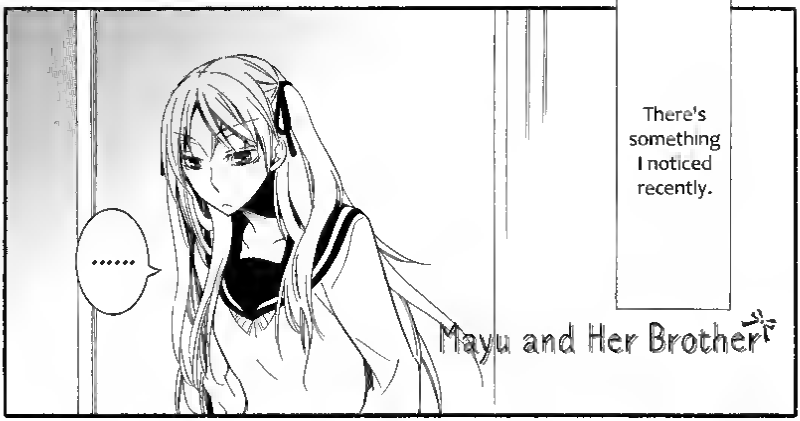
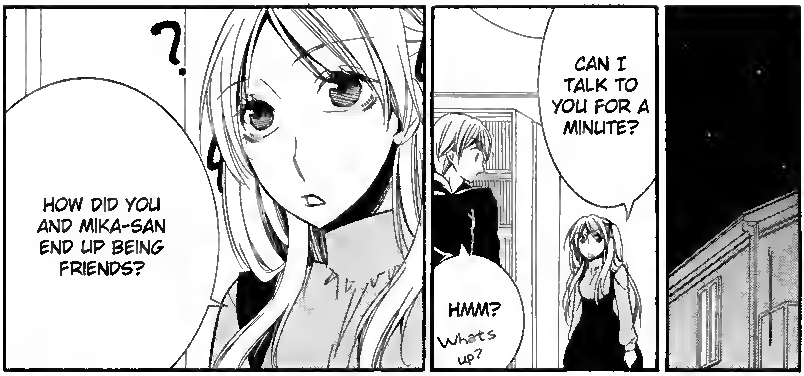


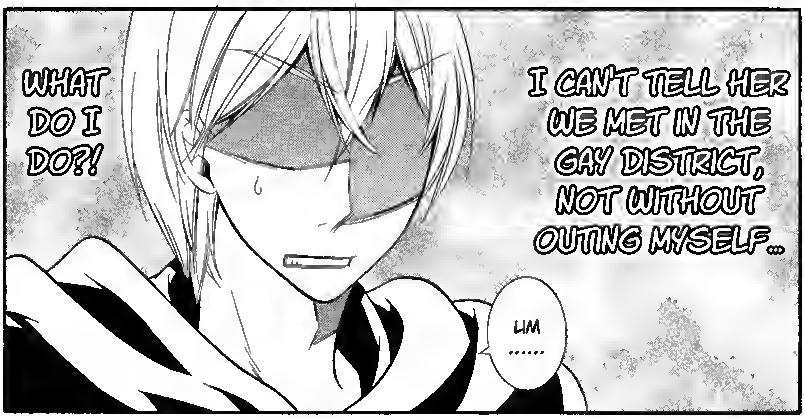
When Mika-san smiles at my brother, she actually looks her age.

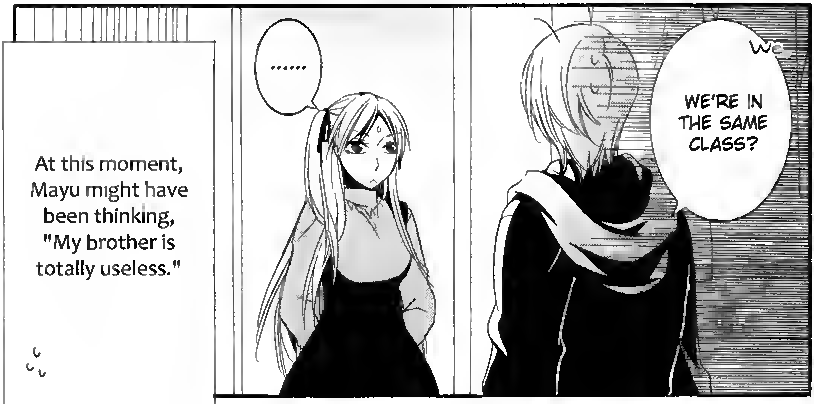
I took it out on him, even though it's not his fault ...

Wh-
WHAT DID I DO?!

NOTHING ...







At this moment, Mayu might have been thinking, "My brother is totally useless."

UM...
I CAN'T TELL HIM THAT IT'S BECAUSE I WARNED HER THAT HE'S GAY...
He doesn't want me to know that yet
HOW DO YOU KNOW HER, ANYWAY?
You've asked me about her before...
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE ...
!
MAYU WAS IN THE GAY DISTRICT, TOO?!
SAME AS YOU?
Guess...
They're talking past each other. This is going nowhere
?
REALLY?
clench
NOT A CHANCE.
NO WAY!

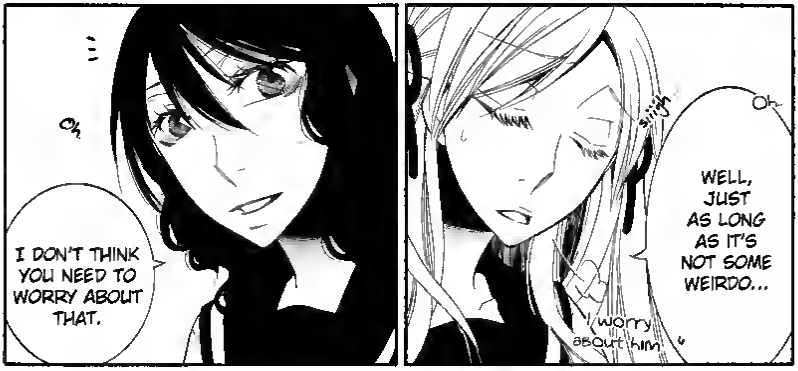
I'D BETTER CHANGE THE SUBJECT...
SO, WHAT'S BEEN ON YOUR MIND LATELY?
You need any help with school? Or advice on crushes or something?
Oh!
DO YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND RIGHT NOW?
Crushes...?!
HUH?
BOY-FRIEND
HUH?
SHE KNOWS?!
Gurk...
OH, NO! I MEANT TO SAY "GIRL-FRIEND" !!
But you sure can tell they're related.

Pheeeeew
THAT WAS CLOSE...
Um...
GOTTA WORD THIS RIGHT...
ARE YOU DATING ANYONE?
Well
DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON ANYONE?
NOT RIGHT NOW.
pop
OH. OKAY.
badump
SORRY, I MEANT GIRLFRUND! GIRLFRUM! GIRL-FRIEND!!
Hahaha
I FIGURED.
You having trouble talking today?

HE'S SO OBVIOUS!!
shunnn...
fidget...
N-n-neh
NOBODY... NOBODY AT ALL...
fidget...
YEAH, RIGHT...
HUH?
OH... YEAH. IT IS.
Jasp
WAIT.. DON'T TELL ME IT'S..
IS IT SOMEONE I KNOW?!
KOUSUKE'S BEEN OVER HERE A BUNCH OF TIMES, SO..
?
Is he straight now?!
IS IT MIKA-SAN?!
Hmm?

I HAVE TO STOP HIM!!
IF IT'S WHO I THINK IT IS, YOU SHOULD JUST GIVE UP! YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE!!
Gaah!!
HUUUH?!
You're THAT sure?!
MIKA-SAN WOULD BE WASTED ON YOU!!
HUH? MI...
WHAT DOES TAKAOKA HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?!
Oh! IT'S NOT HER?
NO!!

SO, ANYWAY, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING, MIKA-SAN?
I've been racking my brains trying to think of everyone we both know
..... NO CLUE.

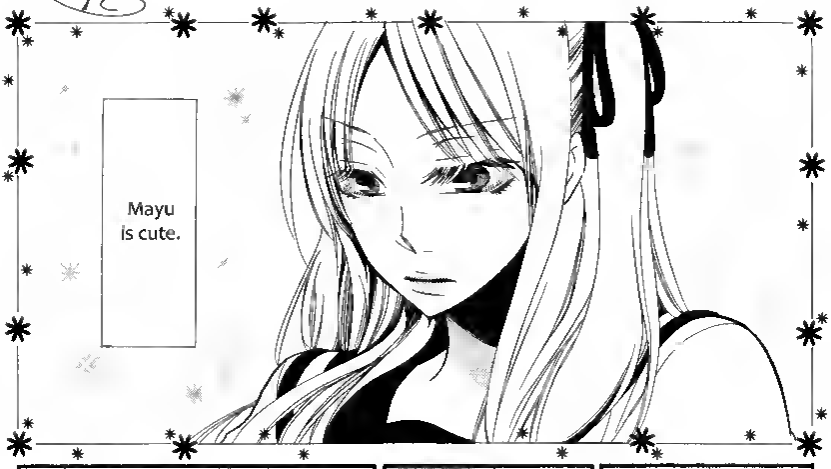


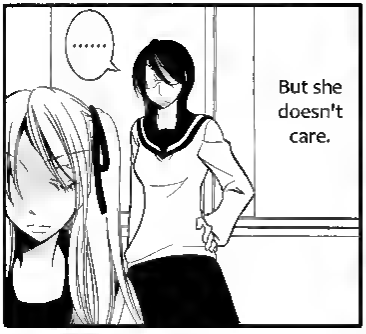
Mika was most definitely thinking, "These two are such a pain."

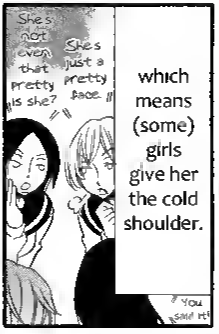
(Haha)

Fin.

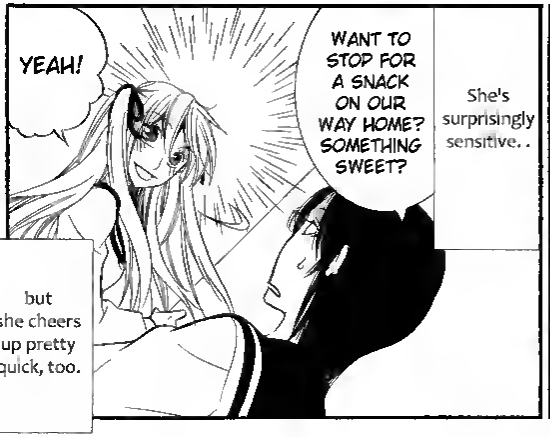
Mayu

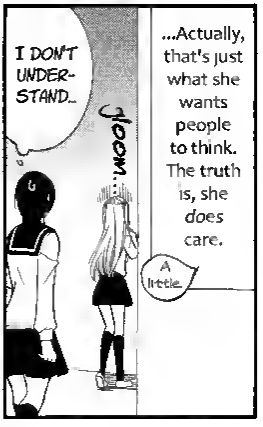

Mayu is cute.


.....
But she doesn't care.


She's not even that pretty is she?
She's just a pretty face.
which means (some) girls give her the cold shoulder.
You said it!

Like an idol!
She's cute!
So (some) guys are into her,
Yeah!


YEAH!
WANT TO STOP FOR A SNACK ON OUR WAY HOME? SOMETHING SWEET?
She's surprisingly sensitive. .
but she cheers up pretty quick, too.


I DON'T UNDER-STAND..
Hmm...
...Actually, that's just what she wants people to think. The truth is, she does care.
A little.

Fin

Saki is smart.
But she doesn't care.
HOW DO YOU ALWAYS GET SUCH GOOD GRADES?
I'm jealous.
GLARE
She's got no life. Our side of studying!
Neither do we, but still!
which means (some) students view her as the enemy.
I'm going to knock her off the top spot!
whisper whisper
I hear she got the top score again.
For real?!
How did they know?
...
So she's at the top of our class,
NO!
But nobody knows that.
She has one weakness... Mayu.
SO YOU'RE A GENIUS!!
How...?
ANYONE CAN GET A PERFECT SCORE. JUST DON'T GET ANY QUESTIONS WRONG.
She honestly doesn't.

Fin

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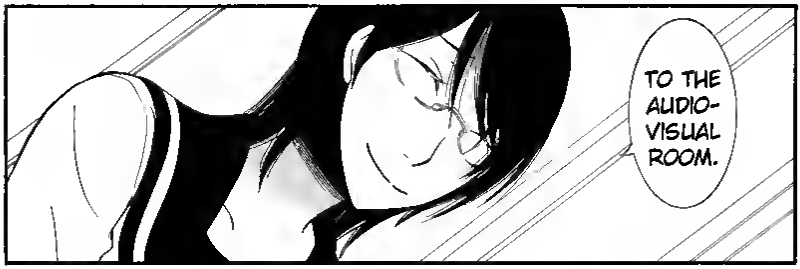
Fragments of Love - Mayu Extras

Transmission Spectrum

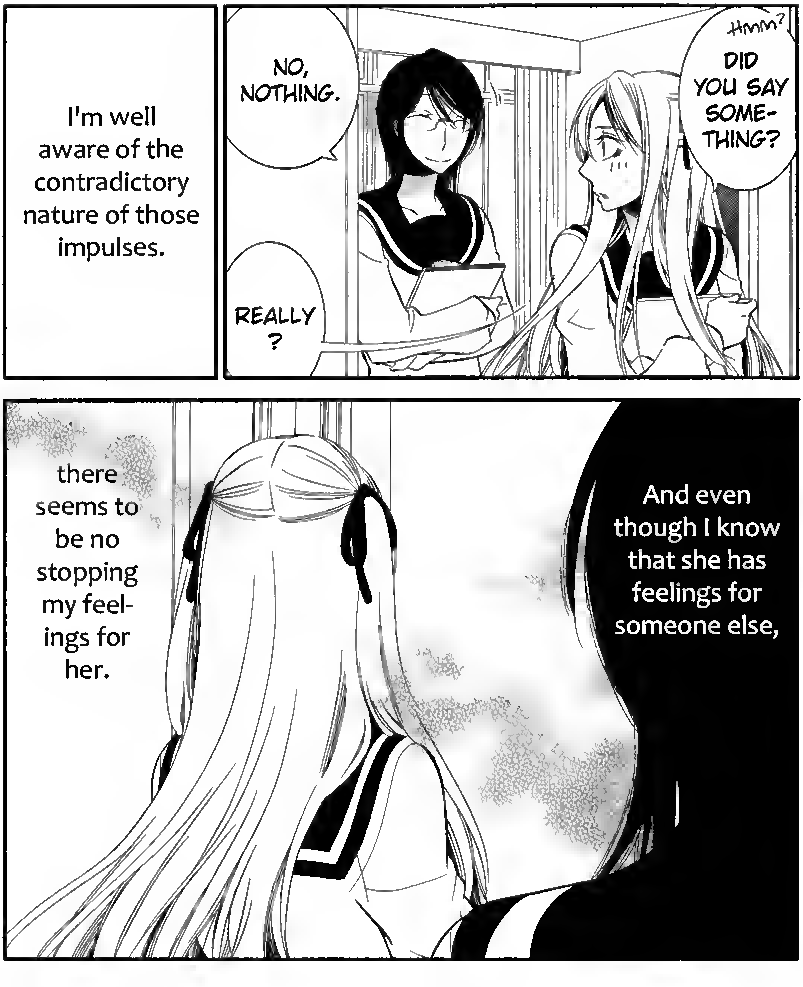
Mayu has this habit of staring at whatever she's interested in.
Geez, YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING.
SORRY, SORRY.
Let's go
HUH?
Saki?
stare...
.....
I don't think she even realizes she's doing it.
What?
HUH?
They do say that the eyes are the windows to the soul.
Sometimes it feels like she can see straight into my heart. It makes me nervous.
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TELL ME?
NO!

And so, I couldn't help but notice...
that Mayu's eyes were glued to her, unwavering.
There could be no mistaking it.
Nor the heat in Mayu's gaze,
and the growing feelings it betrayed...
...MAYU...



but part of me ***wants*** her to, and wonders why she hasn't.

I know that it would hardly help matters if she saw how I feel about her now,


I'm well aware of the contradictory nature of those impulses.
NO, NOTHING.
REALLY ?
Hmm?
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
there seems to be no stopping my feel-ings for her.
And even though I know that she has feelings for someone else,

They're a real nuisance.

Knowing that this is one conundrum that may never be solved, I'm left floundering.

Fin.

Intermission

Oh! Thanks for the hospitality.
Huh?
I'm home!
Oh, hi, Saki-chan.
Hope you're making yourself at home!
Hi
That reminds me,
I think my brother is in love with someone.
Do you know who it is, Saki?!
Isn't it obvious...?

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KAKERA

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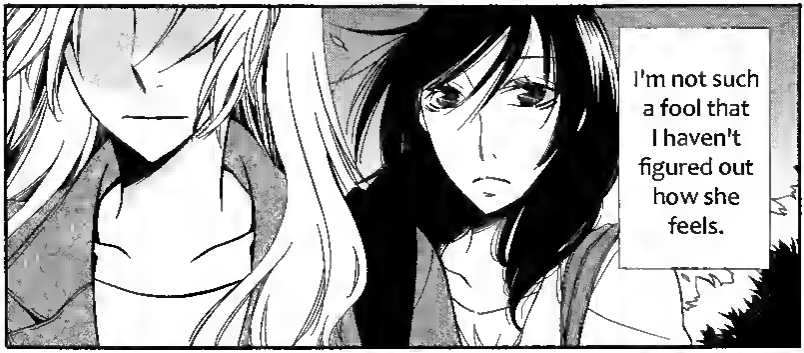
Pieces

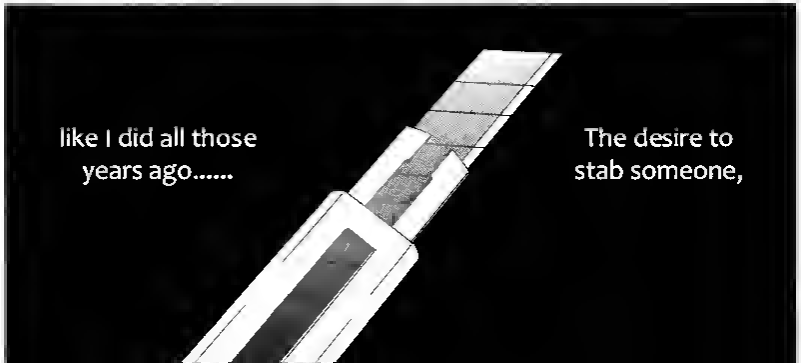
YOU DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED, TAKAKO?
WHO WOULD I EVEN MARRY?
Oh
I don't particularly want to...
DO YOU WANT TO GET MARRIED, YUI?
...WHY DO YOU ASK?
Um
IT'S FOR MY NEXT PROJECT...
OH... So it's for a short story
Huh?
WELL...
Oh, I see
WELL, IF YOU EVER MEET SOMEONE YOU WANT TO MARRY, LET ME KNOW.

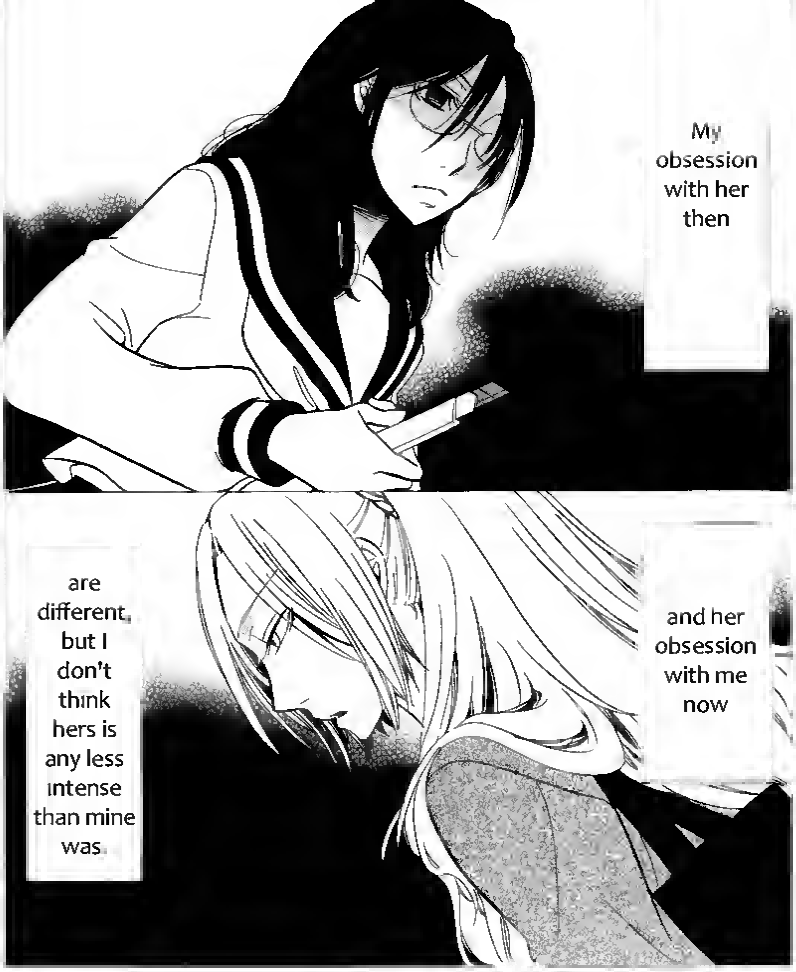
YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT, THOUGH... I MIGHT JUST STAB THEM!
Haha
I'M KIDDING!
She wasn't kid-ding.

It all started because of my feelings for a boy who only had eyes for her.
I wounded her once, a long time ago.
I can tell from the expression on her face.
.....
She did nothing wrong but my jealousy and resentment built and built
until I snapped one day and slashed her with a box cutter.

"I might just stab them!"



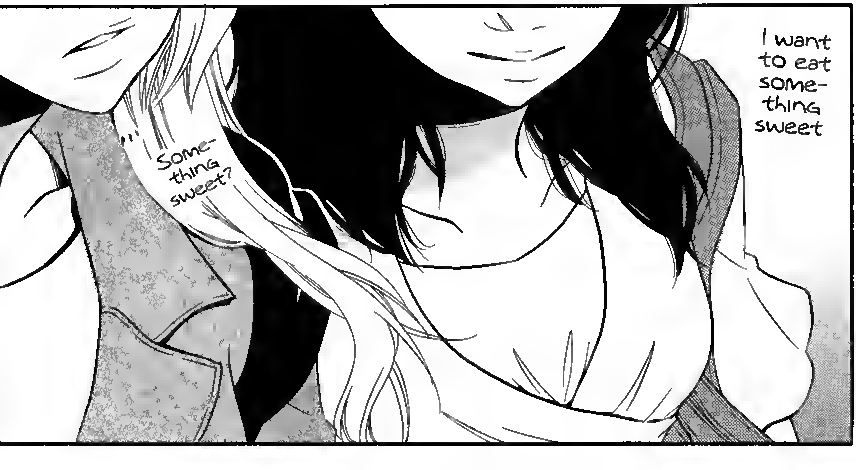



My obsession with her then
and her obsession with me now
are different, but I don't think hers is any less intense than mine was.

shows how much she loves me.

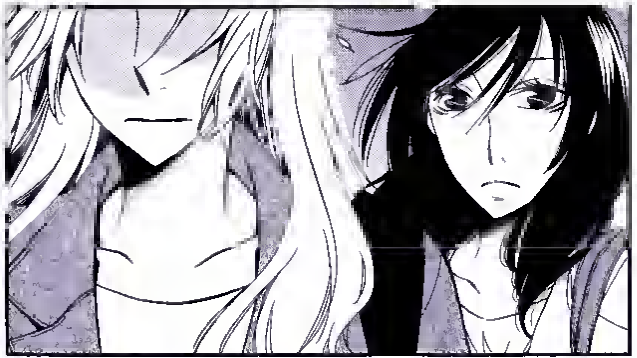
DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
...Of course it makes me happy...
And the reality is,
that space is pre-cious to me.
I doubt Takako has any idea I feel that way, though...
Hmm?
Heh...

Knowing how you feel about me, I choose to walk by your side.



But the significance of that...

Oh! There's some pancake mix left...
...
Let's put fresh cream on them
is something I can't reveal to you yet.
This is my punishment for the mistakes of my youth .....
Fin.



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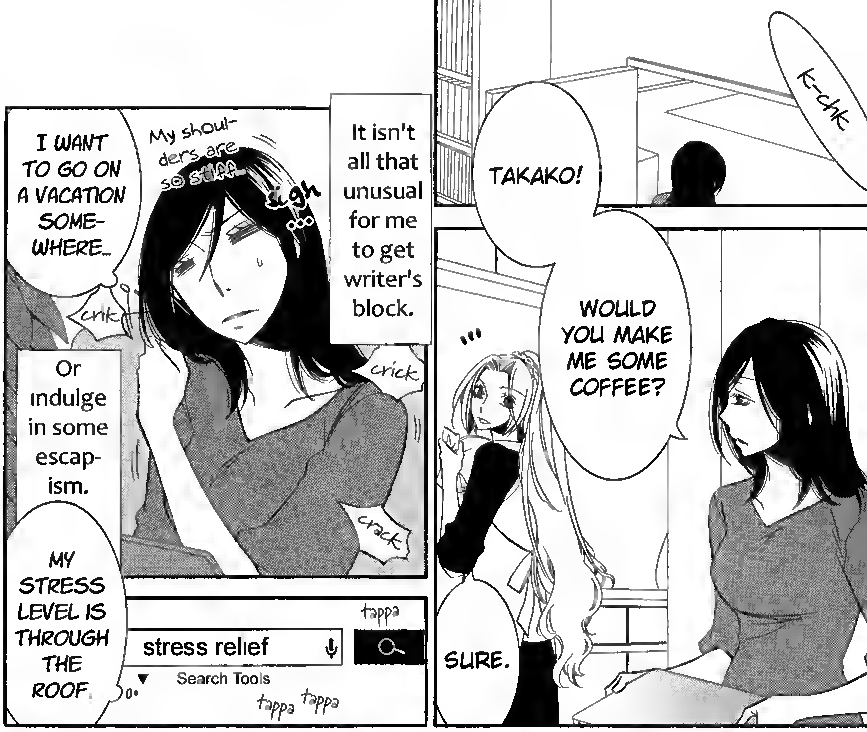
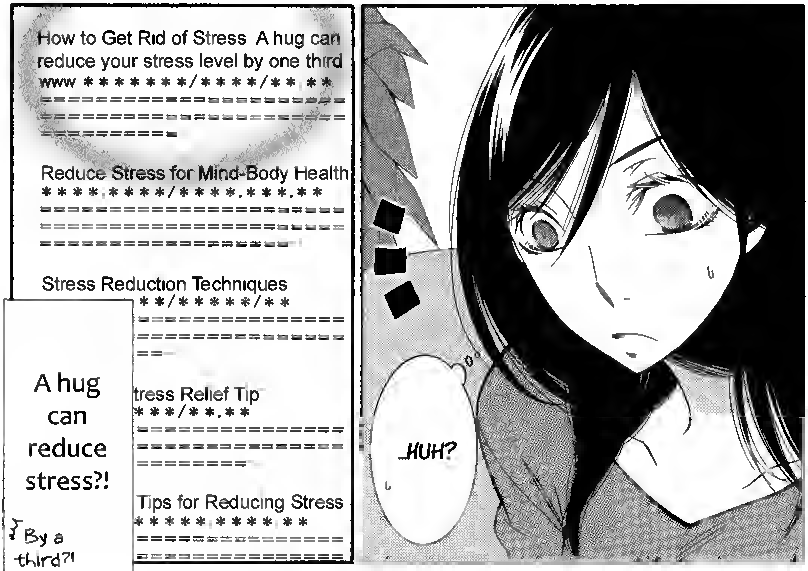
Hiding what s in my heart
SIIIGH...
... This isn't working.
1/3 Progress
crick
crack
I'm just annoyed now...
shff
I CAN'T WRITE A THING...
And my shoulders are cracking


I WANT TO GO ON A VACATION SOME-WHERE...
My shoul-ders are so stiff...
sigh
It isn't all that unusual for me to get writer's block.
crick
crick
crick
Or indulge in some escap-ism.
MY STRESS LEVEL IS THROUGH THE ROOF.
tappa
stress relief
Search Tools
tappa tappa
K-CHK
TAKAKO!
WOULD YOU MAKE ME SOME COFFEE?
...
SURE.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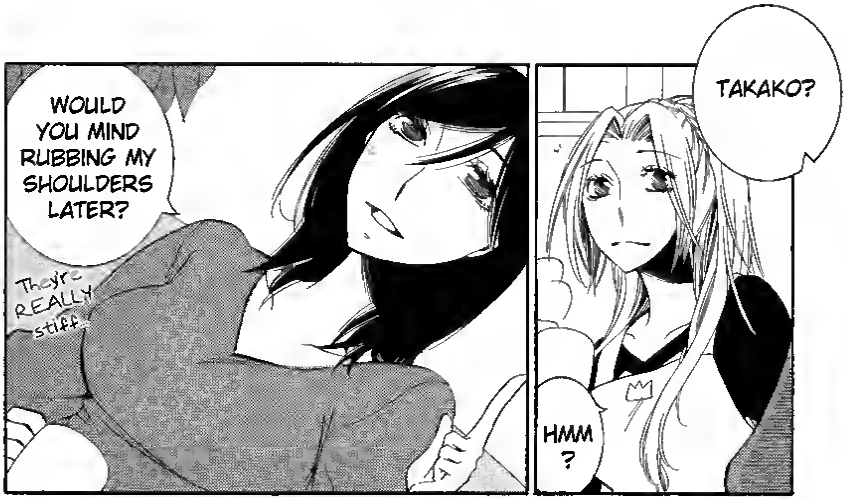
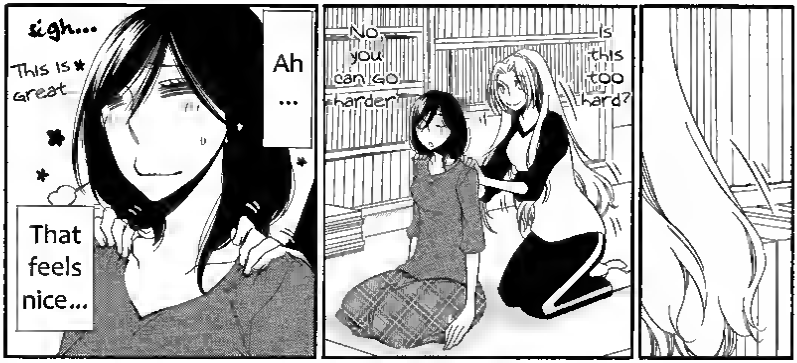
A hug can reduce stress?!
By a third?!
...HUH?

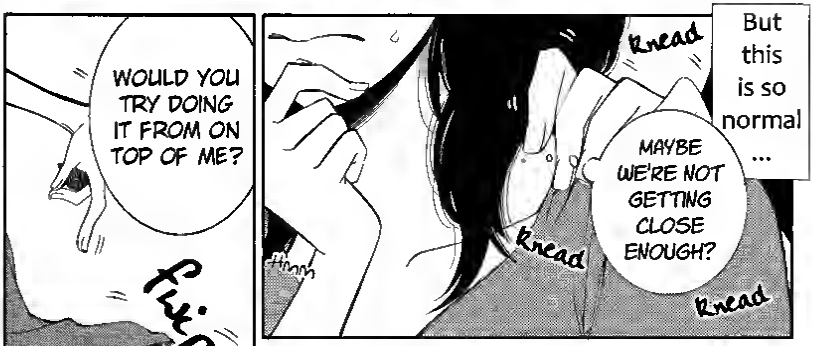
*A Japanese poet. Yui just quoted a line from one of his poems

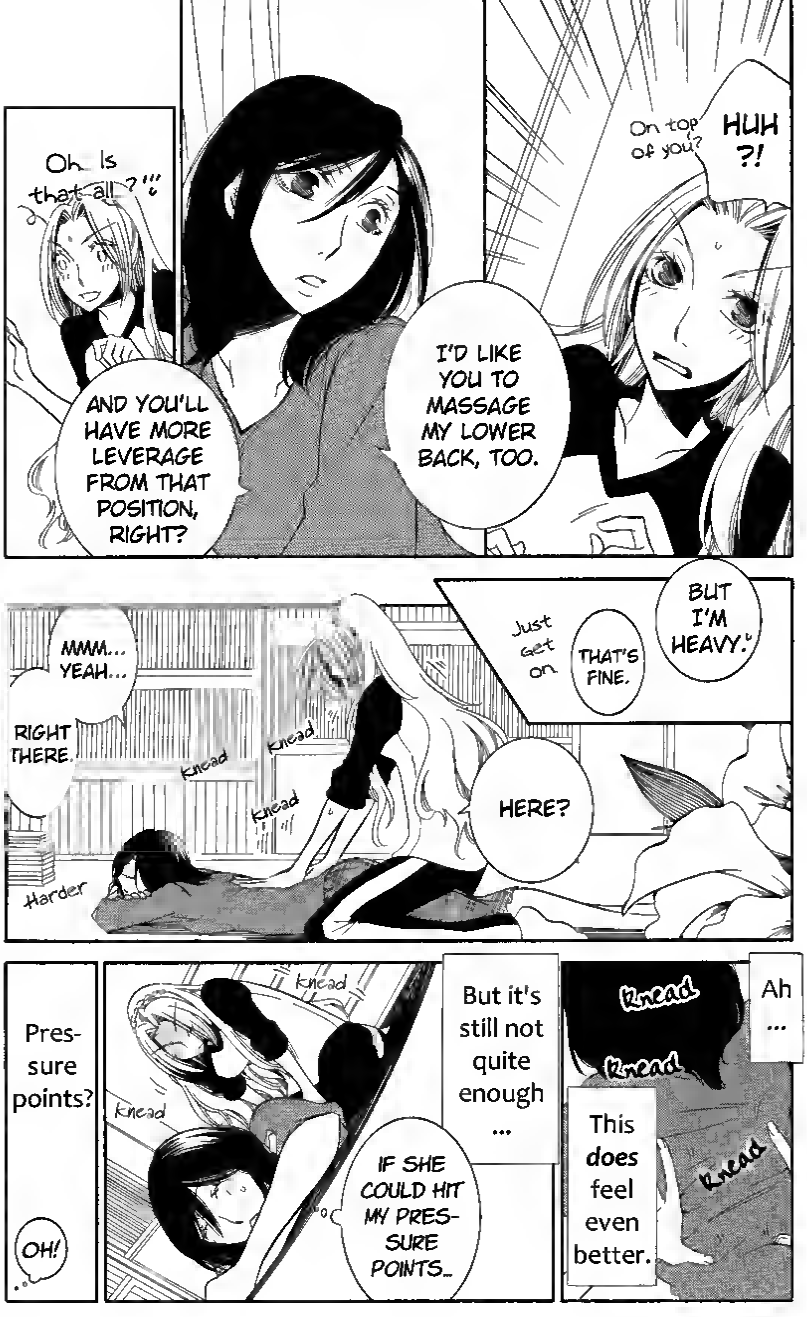
Who am I, Takuboku Ishikawa*?
Well...
I just stare at my hand.
So, it's saying that touch has a positive effect on people?
Really?!
Wait, what? "EVEN HOLDING HANDS CAN BE EFFECTIVE"?!
ABOUT THE MOST WE'VE DONE IS SOME DRUNKEN SHOULDER-LEANING, I GUESS?
clench unclench clench unclench clench unclench
This would never, ever happen...
Takako has never really hugged me...
Oh! I've got it!
No, nothing
THANKS.
Hmm? Is something wrong?
HERE'S YOUR COFFEE.
I can't just ask her for a hug out of nowhere...
AND THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO HOLD HANDS INSIDE...
Or touch at all



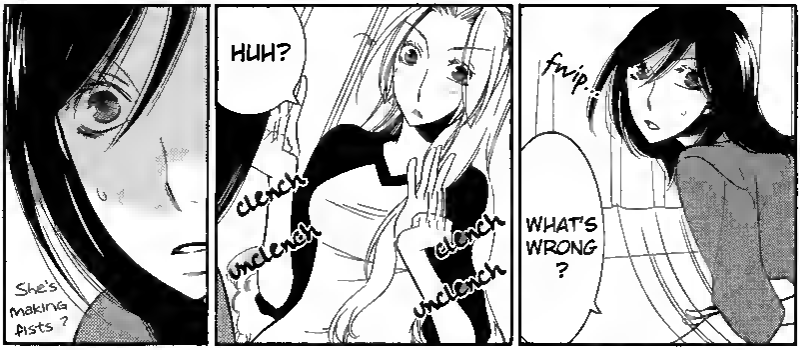
This is a perfectly ordinary request, right?

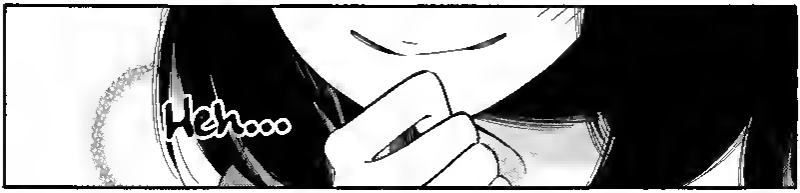





Oh. Is that all?"
AND YOU'LL HAVE MORE LEVERAGE FROM THAT POSITION, RIGHT?
I'D LIKE YOU TO MASSAGE MY LOWER BACK, TOO.
On top of you?
HUH?!
MMM... YEAH...
RIGHT THERE.
Knead
Knead
Knead
Harder
HERE?
Just get on
THAT'S FINE.
BUT I'M HEAVY.
Pres-sure points?
OH!
Knead
Knead
IF SHE COULD HIT MY PRES-SURE POINTS...
But it's still not quite enough ...
Knead
Knead
Knead
This does feel even better.
Ah ...

WOULD YOU PUT YOUR HANDS UNDER MY SHIRT?
Or I could take it off
HUH?
BUT... BUT YUI, YOU...
Huh?
But what?
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'LL BE TOUCHING MY CHEST...
Just my shoulders and back
THAT'S OKAY. JUST DO IT.
fwip
OH... OKAY ...
Oh!
I DON'T HAVE A BRA ON RIGHT NOW...
Oh, geez!
Now I'm all self-conscious!!
IT'S HER FAULT FOR MAKING A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT.





but I think it ***did*** undo the knots in my body and brain.

I don't know how effective this stress-reduction method really is...

Touch is important, huh?

When Takako is done,

I'll give her a massage, too.

And maybe slip a hug in there while I'm at it.

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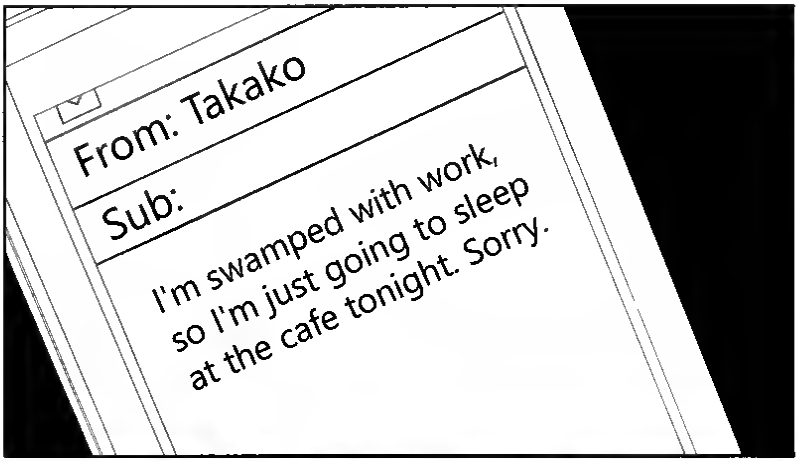
Dear Heart

I had a fight with Takako this morning.

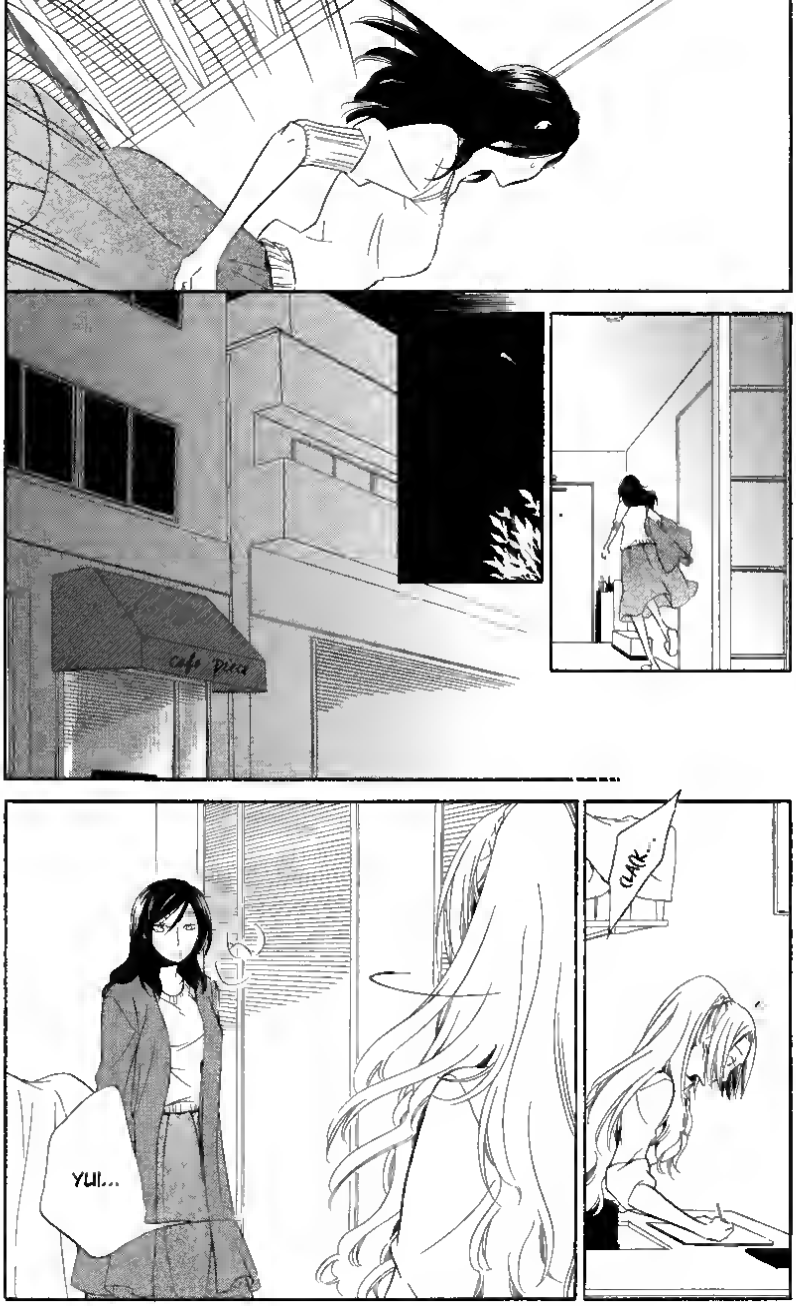
Little bits of stress built up and up
until I finally exploded over some-thing trivial.
Actually... it was more of a *one-sided rant* than a fight...
I REGRET IT NOW...
I'm the worst
But how am I supposed to apologize if she won't come h-...
bzz...
bzzz
bzzz
1 New Message

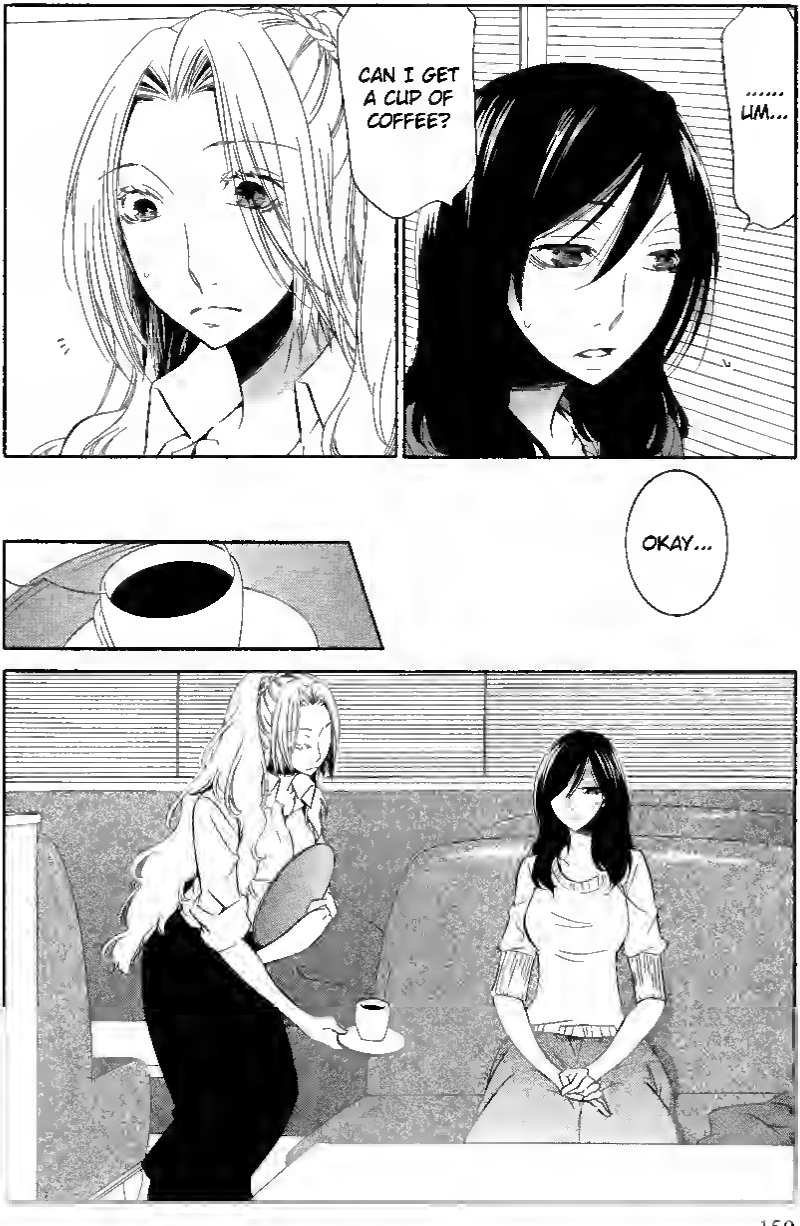

From: Takako
Sub:
I'm swamped with work, so I'm just going to sleep at the cafe tonight. Sorry.

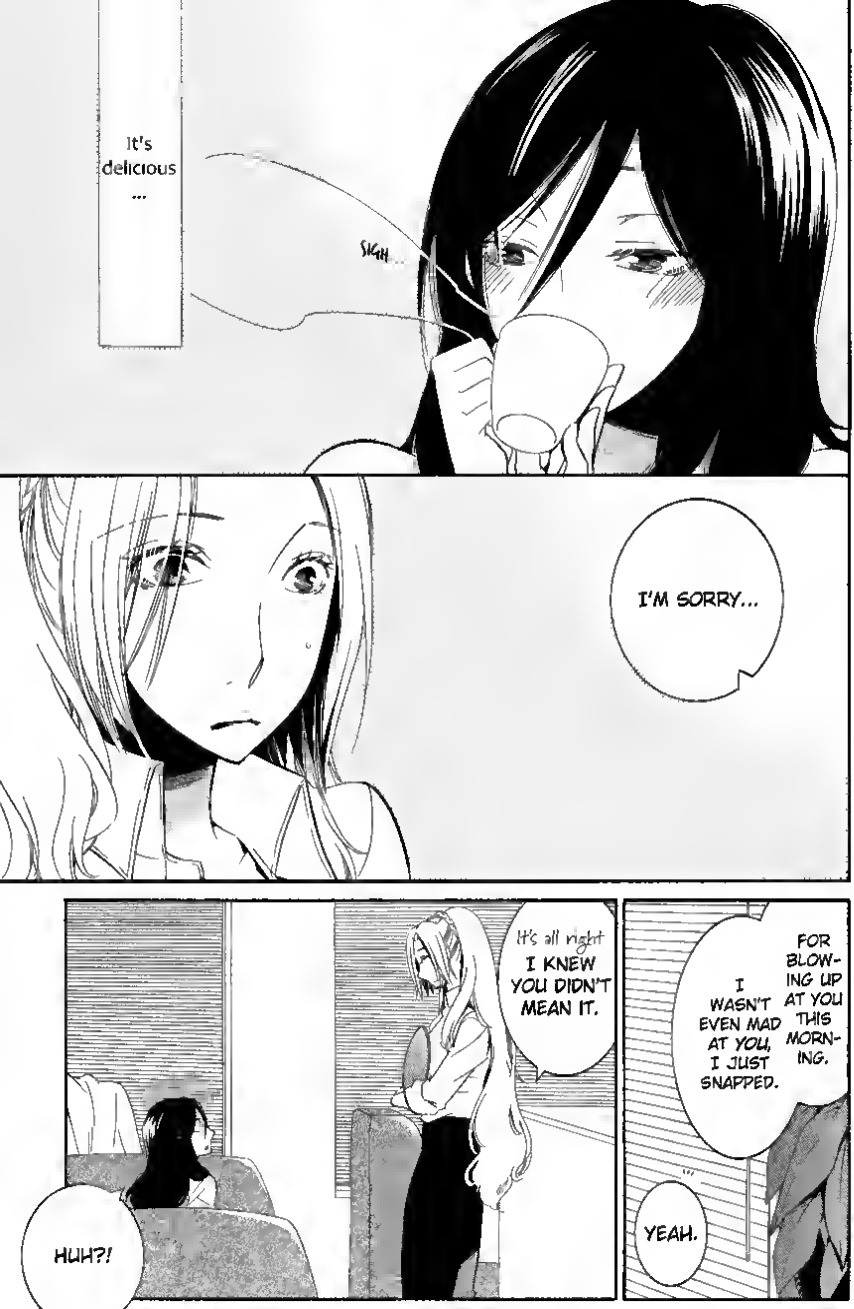
HUH?

.....

But it's supposed to be closed tomorrow, isn't it? That means.....
She's spending the night there...?

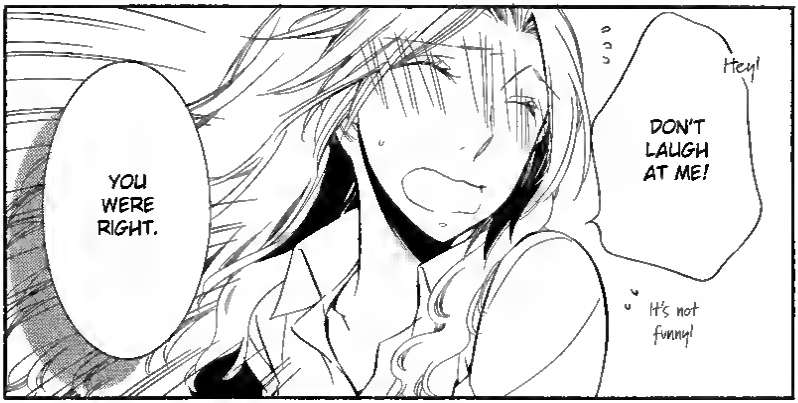

Cafe Pizza
YUI...
CLARK...

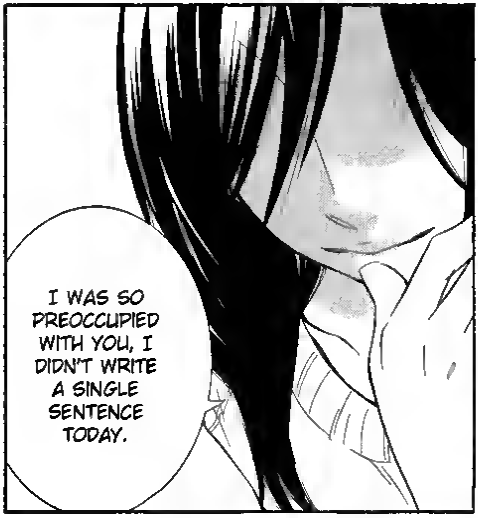

CAN I GET A CUP OF COFFEE?
..... UM...
OKAY...


It's delicious ...
SIGH...
I'M SORRY...
It's all right
I KNEW YOU DIDN'T MEAN IT.
HUH?!
I WASN'T EVEN MAD AT YOU, I JUST SNAPPED.
FOR BLOWING UP AT YOU THIS MORNING.
YEAH.

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU COME HOME?
Tomorrow's your day off
OH, UM...
I'm really sorry
OH...
YOU WERE MAD.
Of course
WELL ...
I WAS BEING IMMATURE, TOO...
WELL...
YES, THAT TOO, BUT...
BUT WHAT?

I knew that if I didn't come home,
YOU'D PROBABLY BE THINKING ABOUT ME A LOT...
Huh?
.....
PFFT...


YOU WERE RIGHT.
Hey!
DON'T LAUGH AT ME!
It's not funny!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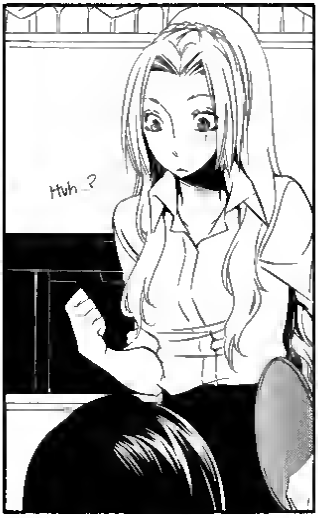
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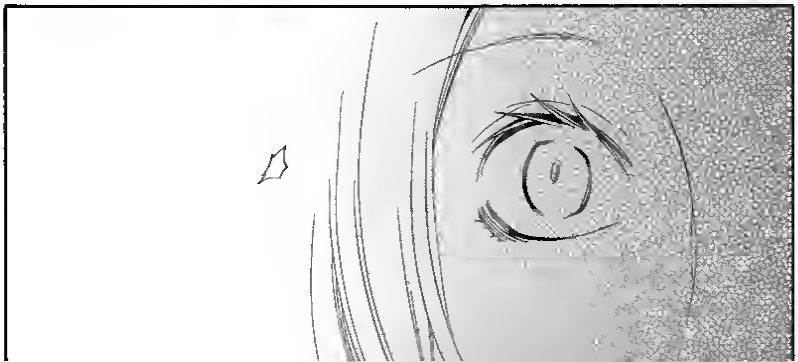

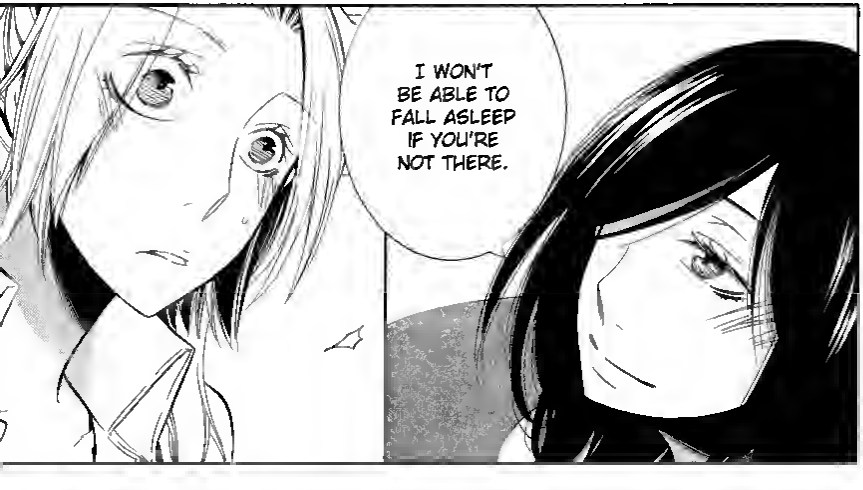

Stay with me... Don't leave...

My dear heart.

Fin

*NOTE: THE ENGLISH WORD MASTER, USED AS A RESPECTFUL TITLE FOR THE OWNER OF A CAFE, BAR, ETC.

Fragments of Love 3

Afterword Manga

bow

Thank you for reading Fragments of Love volume 3 (the final volume)

Takako is a woman, but they call her "Master" because she's so cool and forthright

after

But, at some point, I started putting white highlights in it.

before

When I first started the series, I made Mika's hair pitch black all the way through.

※Aside from certain key panels

I don't know if anyone noticed, though.

I'll share a bit of inside info with you<3

Just a small detail.

So...

You know, I've never written an afterword for the final volume of a serial manga before.

It's my first time!!!

What should I write...?

In fact, this was done to reflect the changing state of Mika's heart.

Thanks to everyone who's offered their support to me throughout this series!

All my friends, my partner, the designer Kayitsu-san, my editor, Iida-san... I can't thank you enough! There were some rough patches, but I've made it to the end thanks to all of your support! With a heart full of gratitude, I'd like to continue doing my best to **draw yuri manga!** ✧✧

Please keep on rooting for me!!!

I'll work hard!✧

November 2014

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Check out my web manga on Rakuen's website, too! ♥

I'm really into pasta these days, by the way

Yum!

So you might enjoy flipping back through this volume to take a look at Mika's hair.

Maybe you'll notice a few other little details, too? (Haha)

Sakki & Yui

What about us...?

They both have black hair, too. ;•

I only did it for Mika-kun ♥ Sorry.

There's an excellent Italian restaurant in my neighborhood. ♥

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